



THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Panhandlers Accepted as A Normal Part of the Streetscape

By Steve Steinberg

How does Noe Valley get along with its street people? Not bad, according to many residents, the police, and the street people themselves.

While other San Francisco neighborhoods present an image of angry residents fending off droves of homeless people and aggressive panhandlers, Noe Valley offers a picture of apparent harmony with its needy.

Although some residents do no more than just tolerate street people, many others have genuine empathy for them. "Where else are they going to be?" asks Noe Valley resident Debra Darlington. "They have just as much right as the rest of us to be here."

Local merchants also express sympathy for street people, but with reservations. "These people have got to live," says Kat Podgornoff, manager of the Real Food Company, 3939 24th St. "But as store manager, I want to give my customers the most comfortable atmosphere they can have. So I would prefer not to have my customers solicited by anyone."

Podgornoff says she draws the line when panhandlers block the entrance to the store or become loud and unruly. On occasion, she has had to call the police to contend with an obstreperous street person.

The sidewalk in front of Real Food serves as a base for several street people, who regularly ask shoppers for money as



Little Rickey sometimes panhandles on 24th Street, but also earns a little money sweeping up in front of Radio Shack. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

they enter or exit the store. The customers appear not to mind the solicitation—to a point. "If they're quiet and not pushy, I'll put up with it," says Dennis, a Valley Street resident who preferred not to give his last name.

Dennis says he sometimes gives money to the panhandlers, but worries that by doing so other street people will be attracted to the neighborhood. "People will

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Library Again Under Siege, Residents Pin Hopes on June Ballot

By Denise Minor

Residents, get ready for that annual ritual—beating the drum to save the Noe Valley-Sally Brunn Library, one of the neighborhood's most cherished institutions.

"It's very demoralizing to have to go through this year after year," says Head Librarian Roberta Greifer, who has seen the Jersey Street library threatened with closure every year since 1988. "I feel like we're hearing a broken record play over and over again."

But this time, unless the voters stage a dramatic rescue at the polls, the library

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Waitress Kathy Elliot says she gets more business on the smoking (left) side of the counter at Herb's Fine Foods. But such smoke-friendly environments will disappear after enactment of a citywide ban next year. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

Restaurants Not Exactly Huffing and Puffing Over Smoking Ban

By Steve Sheret

Imagine a small cluster of people huddling outside Herb's Fine Foods on 24th Street, small white cylinders clutched between their fingers, thin lines of smoke curling above their heads.

Next imagine a neighborhood and a city filled with restaurants without ashtrays—no more cute matchbooks to record a chance meeting or provide a flash of memory every time your life needs a little fire.

Well, both these scenes are closer than you might think: A clearing of the air in local restaurants is definitely under way.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 1995, you won't be asked to decide between the smoking and non-smoking sections in your favorite Noe Valley restaurant, because all restaurants in San Francisco will be re-

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Street People Evoke Mixed But Mostly Mild Reactions

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go where they can get money." Dennis has reached his own particular *modus vivendi* with a 24th Street regular named Wakeel Shakir, who he says used to "bug" him all the time for handouts. Finally, he confronted Shakir and asked him to lay off. That conversation apparently did the trick, because Dennis now regards Shakir as just "a neighborhood person" to whom he will say hello and occasionally give money.

'Tenderloin Mentality' Out of Place

Shakir, 39, has been working the Real Food beat for about a year now. He says he used to be a private janitorial contractor at the Presidio, but eventually lost his contract. Not actually homeless, Shakir rents a room in the city.

He has also wrestled with a drug and alcohol problem in the past, and admits that much of the money he used to receive through panhandling went to support his habit. But now, he maintains, he is "in recovery, taking it one day at a time," and not putting the money he solicits back into drugs or booze.

Obviously well known, Shakir gets a lot of smiles and greetings from people passing by the natural food store. He says he is very well received in Noe Valley. Problems between street people and the public seem to arise, he says, only when the street person manifests what he calls a "Tenderloin mentality"—by acting aggressive or impolite.

Shakir, who has a 2-year-old son, says he is trying to extricate himself from his present predicament by attending classes in TV and VCR repair at John Adams Community College Center. He says he is looking for long-term employment, not just part-time work.

Merchant Strikes a Balance

Farther up 24th Street, Gordon Welch, the manager of Radio Shack, 4049 24th St., has been trying to accommodate both his social and professional sense of responsibility.

Located next to the street's public parking lot, Radio Shack has its share of panhandlers milling about. Welch says he'd "rather not have them so close to my store, but I try to make the best of it."

One solution that Welch has come up with is to give odd jobs to those who are willing. Welch often hands a broom to a

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Supercuts Wins Battle But May Lose War

Editor:

About Supercuts ["Small Hair Salons Tangle with Supercuts Chain," February 1994 issue]:

Well, we have successfully come together as a community and stood up to them. Yet, despite our signatures, phone calls, and petitions, the city has failed to enforce its policies on neighborhood character or traffic congestion, and allowed Supercuts to stay.

Why did they bother to spend money and time on making these policies when no one has the guts to enforce them!

Anyway, we have not lost yet. We can take control of our neighborhood simply by choosing not to support those businesses that come in and target existing businesses. You would think that Supercuts, with its deep pockets, could find another place to set up shop, rather than right next door to an existing salon.



I am for fair competition. I also consider myself to be a successful entrepreneur, and my staff is very professional. In the end, our good service will speak for itself.

Meanwhile, I'd like to say thank you to all those who gave me their support. In my view, we really did win.

Liz Nash
Hot Headz Salon



A Return Valentine for Florence

Editor:

You have given me, a stranger, a very special gift, and I wish to say thank you. Years of unshed tears surfaced as I read Florence Holub's reminiscences in the *Noe Valley Voice* this morning. I, also born on Jan. 25 and the matriarch of my family, have been battling cancer for 12 years now.

I recently moved to Noe Valley to be close to dear friends helping me over the trauma of losing a friend who was murdered this past July. I am a single parent at age 27 and was feeling overwhelmed by recent life experiences when I picked up the February article, "How I Almost Became a Nun at the Age of 21."

Mrs. Holub, I have no eloquent way to express how affirmed to life your story has made me feel, or even exactly why. I would like, however, to say thank you for sharing your memories.

I suppose that my 1994 rhyme might read: "Little young lady, age 27, it's a messy old world but you're not yet ready for heaven."

Name withheld by request



street person called Little Rickey and has him sweep up the sidewalk outside the store—a job for which Little Rickey has expressed gratitude. "I'm treated very good here," he says.

Welch has also had to intervene when a street person became too aggressive. Last year a man was cleaning people's car windows in the lot without being asked to and then demanding money. "He was scaring people," recalls Welch.

After several complaints from customers, Welch confronted the window-washer and told him it "would be best if you moved on."

The man refused, became loud and abusive, and threatened to shove a slice of pizza in Welch's face. The police were subsequently called, but the panhandler had left by the time they arrived.

It is this kind of belligerent conduct on the part of street people that prompts some merchants to express zero tolerance for panhandlers. "It's negative for the whole street," maintains one 24th Street merchant, who wished to remain anonymous.

"They drive business away to more secure environments, like shopping malls," he adds. "We need a street where people don't accost you." The merchant also suspects that most of the money solicited by panhandlers goes to support drug habits.

Police Defend Matrix Program

Walking up 24th Street, however, you generally find little of the kind of "in

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Waaaa! The *Voice* editors are sad to inform you that Rick Garner and Laura Holland, the stalwarts who normally write our "Storetrek" and "More Mouths to Feed" columns, have taken leave to tend to their own Mouths to Feed.

Therefore, we're putting out the call for neighborhood journalists who'd like to report on Noe Valley's new shops or new babies, or both. *Voice* contributors earn a small remuneration, plus lifetime invitations to our parties (kids included). If you are interested, please mail a note to the *Noe Valley Voice*, Attn: Sally Smith, 1021 Sanchez St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Or leave a message at 821-3324.

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Mellow Neighborhood Has Its Own Mellow Panhandlers

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your face" panhandling that prompted Mayor Frank Jordan to introduce his controversial Matrix program last year. That program allows police to cite and, if necessary, arrest street people who have created a public nuisance.

Many advocates for the homeless have accused the Jordan administration of using the program to roust the indigent and drive them out of town, which they see as a clear violation of their civil liberties.

But according to Commander Dennis Martel, the San Francisco Police Department's Matrix coordinator, the program is an effort to make sure that hardcore panhandlers don't do the reverse: push law-abiding citizens out of San Francisco.

Martel maintains that prior to launching the program, the activities of street people "had caused conditions to deteriorate in parts of the city such that

people didn't want to patronize those areas anymore."

Under Matrix, he says, the police can respond more assertively to citizen complaints regarding such offensive behaviors as public drinking, urinating in doorways, trespassing, and aggressive panhandling, all of which "affect the quality of life."

Nevertheless, Martel adds, Matrix was not designed merely to increase police power. As part of the program, social workers often accompany the police officers on patrols, looking for those who may need a ticket to a homeless hotel or other shelter or a referral to a city mental health clinic.

"The outreach teams go out there to stabilize [people's] environment and arrange services," he says.

The commander also notes that Matrix gives police wide latitude in determining whether to actually arrest people or merely counsel them.

Back on 24th Street, Community Po-



Wakeel Shakir is hustling for spare change until he can get full-time work as a television or VCR repairperson. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

lice Officer Lois Perillo says she has used her powers of discretion liberally.

During her four years as a beat officer, Perillo says she has not had to arrest a single "sidewalk person," as she likes to call them, because of their behavior.

She admits, however, that she has worked with some of the street people to "tone down their act."

Perillo says she asks those soliciting money to abide by certain established standards: They should stand at least 10 feet away from a restaurant or business entrance, and not impede anyone's path. Most have complied with her requests, she says.

One street person who says he has benefitted from Perillo's counseling is Barry McKinney. McKinney, who often sits near Double Rainbow Ice Cream, credits Perillo with having helped him to avoid confrontations with people and deal with his depressions.

Known for his booming voice—he'll sing a soul tune for spare change—McKinney, 38, rents a room in Oakland. He says he came to San Francisco looking for work, found Noe Valley instead, "fell in love" with the area, and decided to hang around.

McKinney likes to boast that he has a "personal rapport" with everyone on 24th Street.

Perillo points out that people like McKinney stay in the neighborhood because of "fertile pickings."

Hard Times for Little Rickey

When he first came to the Bay Area and was still drinking, Wakeel Shakir had several run-ins with Officer Perillo. He said she used to pour out his alcohol and make him move on. Although Shakir acknowledged that Perillo "was just doing her job," at the time he resented her interfering with his drinking.

Now, however, since the two have gotten to know one another better and since he has stopped drinking, they get along fine, Shakir says.

Up at Radio Shack, Little Rickey said he had "researched" the Matrix program and found out what he could and couldn't do while asking for money. "I don't want to go beyond the boundary of the law," he said, "but I still have to survive."

Claiming to have been previously harassed by police in the Castro, Little Rickey praised Perillo for dealing with him in an honest manner. "She's a good police person," he said.

But good will with merchants and police does not seem to have been enough for Little Rickey, who has been having a rough time of it. In an interview in mid-February, the 40-year-old panhandler said he was feeling suicidal and would not be around much longer in the neighborhood. "I can't make it this way anymore," he said.

Where the Homeless Sleep

Although reports of homeless people actually sleeping in Noe Valley streets have been rare, some instances have occurred.

Late last year, according to store manager Veronica Ruedrich, a homeless person began camping out in the triangular

alcove of Rabat Shoes, the shop at 3909 24th St. Ruedrich said that although she never confronted the individual, she did find striking evidence of his having been there—blood, urine, and assorted trash.

"I wouldn't have minded him sleeping there, except it was really disgusting in the morning," Ruedrich said.

Finally, the store was forced to post a "No Trespassing" sign, which apparently worked, since the person stopped camping out in the doorway. Ruedrich thinks police persuaded the man to find other accommodations.

Neighbors at the top of Noe Valley, in the area of 23rd and Grand View, have complained about people sleeping under the Portola Avenue overpass, behind a barbed wire fence. According to Perillo, police have never found anyone there, but last month bedding and a suitcase were visible, neatly stacked behind the fence.

One Grand View Avenue resident, who did not wish to be identified, said that although he had not seen anyone actually sleeping in that location, he had found bags of old clothes and other items nearby, which he assumed belonged to vagrants. The resident said he was disturbed about the implications. "It looks bad for the neighborhood."

People in Noe Valley may have different feelings concerning the presence of the poor and homeless, but virtually everyone regrets the social and economic conditions that have brought them here.

Notes Real Food's Kat Podgornoff, "I know they are human beings and have problems, and there but for the grace of God go I." □

BYLINES

How 'Bout a Vietnam Vet?

By John McFadden

I read a local police officer's report in last month's *Noe Valley Voice*, the one about the homeless man who panhandles on 24th Street, most often in front of the Sanchez Street side of Bell Market, and I was moved to respond.

The officer has a point of view concerning this fellow, and it's a respectable one, a socially responsible perspective most people share. She thinks he ought to take responsibility for himself and get into an alcohol treatment program. After all, he is suffering from extreme effects of alcohol poisoning, and he seems miserable.

Moreover, he's a blight on the community, she feels. He's a panhandler who is often drunk in public, and friends of mine say he's been rude to them even when they give him money. The officer keeps rousting him, but the judge always lets him go, preferring not to force him into the county alcohol treatment program.

I have a minority opinion. My reaction to him when I first passed him several years ago was that I liked his approach better than the ones employed by other panhandlers. He sits on the pavement with his legs crossed and a cup in front of him, and he always says, "How 'bout a Vietnam vet?" as I walk by.

Especially engaging to me is his intonation. He makes his words sound like a well-crafted mantra or chant, which can, in fact, be full of meaning if you allow it in and don't immediately write him off as a con artist. Sometimes, usually on Fridays, he expands his repertoire to, "I'm close to having enough for rent—just a little more."

Occasionally, he'll offer to work. "I'll do anything," he says. And when I give him money, he says in his deep and unusually genuine-sounding voice, "Thank you, you're very kind, most kind. Thank you."

Once I stopped and talked with him for a few minutes, and he said that he was indeed a Vietnam vet, a decorated one, having merited a Purple Heart for his bravery in action during the war.

Now maybe I want to be coned. I do enjoy the image he portrays—a guy down and out and beaten by life who has a noble past

and a partly gentle nature. He's a type of character I've seen much of, and I enjoy liking him. But shouldn't I worry about how he may be conning me?

Actually, I don't think it matters much whether he's tricking me, or lying about certain things and evading personal responsibility. His very presence—his dirty clothes, swollen face and hands, his perch on the cold concrete in the dead of winter—delivers the true message: he really is beaten, devastated, and overwhelmed by life, and therefore unable to right himself.

But shouldn't he at least go for help?

Actually, I know enough about the treatment centers for which he qualifies to say that although they help many people, they disappoint as many as they heal and worsen the lives of a few. Treatment is a crapshoot.

Maybe he should try it anyway, people say. Maybe the treaters should change their ways and come sit with him, as professionals do in Mersey, England, rather than pressure him to come sit with them.

I don't know what he or they should do. But maybe doing something is not what's needed. I prefer to celebrate the nobility he projects into my world and to let him know that I notice it.

To me, he's sort of a local preacher—one without the usual trappings. He calls on me to think about people who don't have any obviously good choices about living or dying.

I actually look forward to my occasional visits to his mobile, open-air church. He gives me the opportunity to reflect on his message, "How 'bout a Vietnam vet." He says it so well. □

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There Must Be 50 Ways To Save (or Scuttle) the Local Library

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may be singing its swan song.

Faced with a steadily diminishing city budget, Mayor Frank Jordan has instructed the San Francisco Library Commission to accommodate cuts ranging from half a million to close to \$2 million in the library system's \$17 million budget.

And true to form, the commission has come up with a string of dire scenarios for fiscal year '94-95. Two of the budget proposals the commission floated last month would shut down a minimum of 11 of the city's 26 neighborhood libraries, including the Noe Valley branch. A third would keep all the libraries open, but pair branches and reduce staff and hours to two or three days a week.

A new wrinkle this year is that the commission has suggested that residents and volunteers try running the branch libraries themselves.

"We would invite the community to take over operation of those libraries [that we close]," said library spokesperson Marcia Snyder. "They would have to find their own funding. Whether or not they have a librarian is up to them. There could be no paid city employees." And there would be no money for new books either.

But some residents are tired of being shortchanged by city government. "It's unfair and wrongheaded to be forced into these kinds of decisions—whether to cut Muni or the health services or the libraries," says writer RuthAnn McCunn, a Noe Valley representative to the Neighborhood Council of Libraries. "We need them all."

"People say we're already cut to the bone. But I don't believe it," she continued. "I worked for the San Francisco Unified School District, and I know there are plenty of areas of waste."

McCunn and other library patrons are not waiting around for the results of the fiscal tug of war between the mayor and city departments, however. She's sup-



The branch library at 451 Jersey St. is on the black again, but staff and patrons of all ages hope to find the funds to keep it open, with or without the city's help. Pictured standing are library boosters Andy Grimstad, Fran Grimstad, and Kailin Carmady, with Carol Steiman and youngster Elaine Harris seated in front. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

porting a drive to put a charter amendment on the June ballot, which would mandate that all 26 branches be kept open for the next 15 years.

The measure also would force the city to set aside 2½ cents of every \$100 it collects in property taxes, for a special Library Preservation Fund.

"It would bring in about \$13 million," says Carol Steiman, a Glen Park resident and leader in the Save the San Francisco Public Libraries campaign. "And when that figure is added to the existing \$17 to \$20 million budget, it would raise funding to 1986-87 levels."

In addition, the money would guaran-

tee a new book budget. "But the most important part would be that all branches would remain open and wouldn't be threatened with closure every year."

Another campaigner on behalf of the initiative is Andy Grimstad, an Elizabeth Street resident and member of Friends of the Library.

Grimstad points out that "historically, the library budget has been between 1 and 1½ percent of the city's general fund. Over the last half dozen years, it has crept down to where it is now about .6 percent."

But like Steiman, Grimstad's primary concern is keeping the branches alive.

"We use the Noe Valley Library very heavily with my daughter Fran. It's where she developed her love for books," he said. "We started taking her when she was 9 months old to the children's programs. She went every week until she entered kindergarten."

Grimstad also wants to ensure universal access. "The libraries promote literacy and provide access to information. For many people, it's not feasible to go downtown to the Main Library or to buy books, which are so expensive."

The Save the Libraries group emphasizes that the charter amendment is not a new tax, but rather it earmarks a portion of city funds for the library. "If property valuation goes up, it might bring in more than the \$13 million we are projecting," said Steiman. "But we don't want to promise that."

Setting aside money in this manner is nothing new, she added, pointing to the Children's Amendment and the Open Space Fund, which do the same for other causes. "The attorney who worked on those two issues worked on our measure."

If the amendment succeeds in passing branches would hold community meetings every five years to decide on the library's hours of operation.

As of mid-February, the campaign had gathered about 65,000 signatures, 22,000 more than the number needed to qualify for the June ballot. But, not surprisingly, it had failed to win an endorsement from Mayor Jordan.

The mayor, meanwhile, had sent word to his Library Commission, saying that he would frown on any proposal that closed neighborhood branches.

According to library spokesperson Snyder, the mayor prefers eliminating the book budget or contracting out the library's administrative services.

But Noe Valley's head librarian says that's no solution. "I feel like the boy who cried wolf, but few people realize that we've already lost so much. Our adult book budget was cut 60 percent last year," Greifer said.

"If we keep cutting and cutting, at what point does a library cease to be a library?" □

At press time, the Voice learned that Mayor Jordan had shown his displeasure with the Library Commission's proposed branch closings by firing six of the board's seven members. The firings came two days after the Save the Libraries initiative qualified for the June ballot. Those interested in helping the campaign can call 563-8696.

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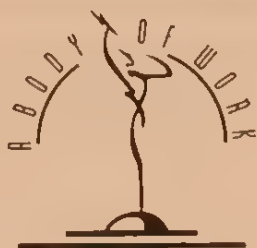
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Last Gasp for Smoking in Restaurants

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quired to provide a completely smoke-free environment for their patrons and workers.

Under a new city ordinance, smoking has been banned in hotels, sports arenas, and establishments serving food, except those with bars. After the first of next year, restaurants that allow customers to light up in their dining rooms can be hit with a \$500-a-day fine.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the new ordinance last November. But taking into account the hardships some local restaurants might suffer if the ban were too quickly introduced, the supervisors granted them a one-year adjustment period.

Even though there's no urgency, people involved in the restaurant business along 24th Street know what's coming and are trying to get a jump on the law.

Diners Can Smoke in the Bar

Gaetano Basso, co-owner of Noe's Bar and Grill at 24th and Church, mused about the coming changes as he patted flour onto chicken breasts behind the counter one recent afternoon.

"We serve a mix of diners and bar patrons," said Basso as he gestured toward Noe's Bar, which is separated from the restaurant by a large doorway. Presently, about half of the small dining room at Noe's Grill is reserved for non-smokers, although Basso admits that quite a bit more than half of his regular customers smoke.

"I imagine we have an advantage over other restaurants because of the bar next door and the strong grill ventilation," he said. "I don't think we'll have any problem next year. If someone wants to smoke during the meal, they can step into the bar, and if they want to be served in the bar, that's fine, too."

While bars will be free to carry on

business as usual come next year, restaurants with bars will have to confine smoking to the immediate bar area, and provide partitioning or ventilation to ensure that diners are not exposed to the smoke. Basso added that he and his brother Wayne, who runs Noe's Bar, plan to install a swinging door between the two rooms to cut down on both smoke and noise.

The smoking ban will be part of the health code and, as such, is designed also to protect workers and customers from secondhand smoke. Several studies in recent years have claimed that errant tobacco smoke can cause cancer, respiratory problems, and heart ailments.

Basso, a non-smoker himself, is unsure whether secondhand smoke represents a significant health hazard, but "it's something that's always in the back of your mind," he says. Nevertheless, running a restaurant "is a profession I've chosen. It's certainly better than being a coal miner with coal dust."

It's Good to Be Out of the Haze

Meanwhile, David Brassil and Neill Edwards, both non-smokers and waiters at Panos' Restaurant, just up the street at 24th and Noe, are pleased that Panos' owners took it upon themselves to ban smoking about a year ago.

"I don't really mind smoke, but not having to work in it is great," said Brassil.

"We're a small house with no partitions. The regulars know we're completely non-smoking, and someone can always use the benches outside to have a cigarette," Edwards added. "I'm glad I don't have to deal with the unpleasantness of serving a table that's enveloped in smoke."

Adam Bousiakakis, manager of Noe Valley Pizza Restaurant at the corner of 24th and Sanchez, is another non-smoker who

would prefer not to work in a cloud of fumes.

"No, I don't like it," he said. "Why should I suffer when others smoke?" Bousiakakis is looking forward to the time when he doesn't have to hold his breath in the rear section of the restaurant, where the smokers are currently seated.

Not all Noe Valley restaurateurs are applauding the ban, however. Janice Gallonakis is a member of the family who owns Haystack Pizza, across the street from Noe Valley Pizza, and as a smoker herself, she sees the law as too much government intrusion.

"I don't think it's right, but what can you do?" she said with resignation. "We won't have any problems because we serve mostly non-smokers now, and we've got the bar area."

In the past, Haystack dealt with the division between those who do and those who don't with the best partition of all—two separate dining rooms. "We've never had any complaints," Gallonakis added.

Up the street, on 24th between Castro and Diamond, Barney's Gourmet Hamburgers has handled its two classes of clients by asking the smokers to eat out on the patio. Since there is no exemption in the law for outdoor dining, this arrangement too might go by the wayside.

"I'm sure some people will complain when the law goes into effect," said Manager Bahman Mahnami. "But a city ordinance is the law. I smoke, but I respect the rights of those who don't, and I know they don't want to be around smokers."

Herb's One of the Holdouts

Perhaps the trouble-free transition that Barney's foresees is due to its status as a relative newcomer on 24th Street.

Herb's Fine Foods, on 24th near the intersection of Noe, has been catering to the breakfast and lunch-counter crowd since the mid-'40s. Smokers make up a good 50 percent or more of the clientele,

according to waitress Kathy Elliot.

"I don't smoke myself, but often the money is better on the smoking side because of the volume," she said. As for the impact of the new law, she added, "Yeah, there will be problems. I mean, we don't serve things like fresh juice or whole grain pancakes or sprouts on the sandwiches—this is a bacon and eggs crowd."

The restaurant hasn't had a facelift in years, and the vibrant colors of the oil paintings of San Francisco scenes are often obscured by layers of dust. But the plants are always green and might be mistaken for real ones on first glance. And the cafe does a great business, with customers willing to stand in line for 20 minutes on weekend mornings.

The waitresses operate on either side of a rectangular counter, which runs down the center of the restaurant and divides the two opposing groups, smokers and non.

"Sure, it bothers me that they smoke, and we do get a lot of complaints because the air doesn't circulate well," said Elliot. "But I don't think it's right [to totally ban smoking]. Everyone should have a choice. Choice is a more important principal."

She worries about the regulars who have been coming for a long time. "Who are we to tell someone they can't do what they've been doing for the last 10 or 15 years?"

If Herb's finds the ban to be too damaging to morale, though, it can apply to the city controller for an exemption to the law. But to qualify, the restaurant must show evidence of at least six months of below-average revenue.

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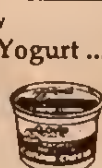
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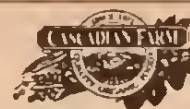
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ManAlive: A Port in the Storm For Men Overcoming Violence

By Loren J. Bialik

"Seventeen percent of the homicides in San Francisco are really [a result of] domestic violence," says Antonio Ramirez, director of San Francisco ManAlive, a program aimed at eradicating such violence. Through classes that teach men to treat women as equals, ManAlive endeavors to make a serious dent in a problem that is international in scope and cuts across all socioeconomic lines.

Ramirez, 39, launched the San Francisco chapter of ManAlive six years ago, when he perceived a lack of such programs in the Latino community (San Francisco ManAlive offers classes in both Spanish and English).

Born in Mexico City, in a country that, he sadly notes, "has no laws against domestic violence," Ramirez holds two master's degrees, one in psychology and one in music. He has performed as an opera soloist with the Berkeley Opera, Marin Symphony, and the San Francisco Symphony Chorus.

So what's he doing teaching a class for batterers? For one thing, Ramirez says, it isn't that easy making ends meet as a musician, and teaching is a way to supplement his income. But primarily he does it because he wants to help other men avoid the pain and heartache that he has experienced in his own life, as someone who was once abusive toward women.

"I still have a lot of work to do," he says of his continuing effort to curb his violent impulses.

ManAlive was founded in 1979 by Hamish Sinclair, a San Rafael community organizer who was asked to develop

a program for Marin Abused Women's Services, which operated a battered women's shelter. Sinclair had observed that in many cases the women at the shelter loved their partners and wanted to stay with them, but only under the condition that the men would try to change their destructive behavior. His solution was to design a series of group-therapy workshops, in which men explored the roots of their violence and learned specific techniques to keep their anger in check.

Through his research, Sinclair also discovered that battered women were most vulnerable to attack at times when they had defied their partner's wishes. "The men feel that the women are killing their authority," explains Ramirez, and this, he adds, is the "fatal peril."

What makes matters worse is that male aggression is sanctioned in our society, says Ramirez. Many men grow up thinking there's nothing wrong with beating your wife.

Today, domestic violence is actually on the increase, he notes, and a disturbing fact is that "one out of three women is going to be physically abused at least once in her life."

Startling as this statistic may be, he adds, it does not include victims of verbal and emotional abuse. Shouting insults at your partner, telling her she can never do anything right, or simply snubbing her, are common forms of mistreatment that men use to exercise their power.

"I treated my ex-wife like this for years," Ramirez admits, "even though I pretended to be a nice guy."

Unfortunately, violent men who are nice guys and live in middle- or upper-class communities are often coddled by the

Confronting his own violence toward women inspired Antonio Ramirez to found the San Francisco chapter of ManAlive on Valencia Street. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

law. In some neighborhoods, Ramirez observes, the police simply take a perpetrator of domestic violence for a walk "to cool off," and then talk with him a bit.

But this approach, Ramirez says, is not effective because after the chat, the man returns to the same volatile situation without having learned to control his anger. "All too often, by the time the perpetrator of violence gets arrested, he's been violent six or seven times."

The backbone of ManAlive's program consists of weekly classes, run by men for men, where participants learn to let go of their need to be authority figures, and to offer women equal status in their relationships. Each 16-week session averages 20 participants.

In the classes, men confess to and try to deal with their own violence in a nurturing, creative, non-judgmental environment. Because all the men have had a common experience, and because the classes include men who have been in the program before, it is difficult for newcomers to lie or avoid facing painful issues, Ramirez says. "The men can be very hard on each other."

Class members also learn to become more aware of how they are feeling when they are in a confrontational situation. They learn to monitor their bodies for signs of desperation, such as tenseness and rapid heartbeat, and to take time out (i.e., walk away until they calm down) when they feel on the verge of becoming abusive.

ManAlive classes also teach better communication skills. A major cause of his squabbles with his ex-wife, notes Ramirez, was his refusal to verbalize the things that were bothering him. In the classes, men learn to talk to their partners, which includes asking for what they want.

"We need to get men in touch with their feelings so that they can tell their partners when they feel threatened or hurt or powerless, rather than becoming violent," Ramirez says.

ManAlive could improve many people's relationships, but few men come to the classes voluntarily, Ramirez says. Ninety percent of the 220 men currently attending have been ordered to do so by the courts, as an alternative to going to jail. The other 10 percent, he says, "are pressured into coming by their partners."

Although ManAlive gets ample moral support, from women's groups as well as the court system, the organization does not receive any outside financial aid. Fees are on a sliding scale, ranging from \$10 to \$50 for each weekly class.

The three-hour classes are offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings, and Tuesday evenings at the ManAlive office, 474 Valencia St. Pete Gianinni, a graduate of Ramirez's classes, also teaches on Tuesday mornings and evenings at the Third Baptist Church, at Pierce and McAllister.

Ramirez is encouraged by people like Gianinni, and wants to prepare other men to conduct similar programs around the country. In that way, ManAlive could evolve into "a more extensive network, like Alcoholics Anonymous."

And when that happens, he adds with a grin, "I'll move out of the picture, and go make my music." □

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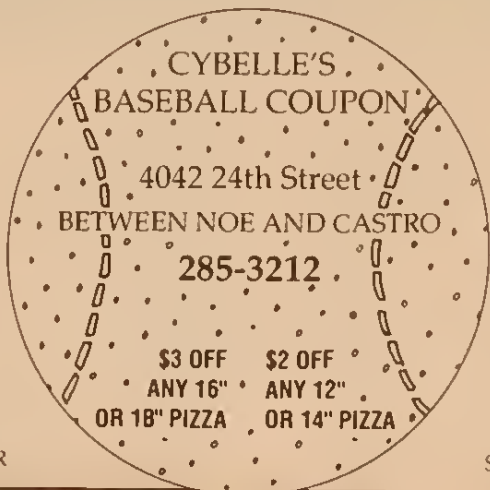
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It's Easy Being Green On March 17

By Jeff Kaliss

"Come early or you won't get in," advises Vince Hogan about his establishment, the Dubliner Bar at 3838 24th St., and its celebration of St. Patrick's Day, honoring the patron saint of his Irish homeland.

"There'll be food all day, free corned beef, from 10 o'clock in the morning," promises Hogan. "It'll be made by 3-J's Deli, across the street."

"It's Palestinian corned beef," customer John McGuffin interpolates wryly. "We don't have the corned beef and cabbage thing back in Ireland, you know. It's only an American invention."

"From four o'clock onwards we'll have music," continues the proprietor, "with the Pierce-Connolly Band's fifes and pipes and drums. And there's the Liz Maloney Dancers."

Similar Irish fixings will be laid out down the street at Noe's, at 24th and Church. "The food's usually ready by noon," says bartender Nancy Emery. "If somebody asks for green beer, I can put blue Curacao in it. And last year I wore a green wig. I might do that again."

At press time, owner Brendan Daly was washing the walls and arranging for live entertainment, which usually arises spontaneously at the Cork 'n' Bottle, 4037 24th St. "But the corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and Irish bread will be ready by three or four o'clock," he assures.

"I hope the business is better than last year," he adds. "Maybe people are being a bit conservative with the drunk driving laws and such."

Conservatives and liberals alike can enjoy the coffee and holiday edibles at



St. Patrick's Day will once again bring fun foods and spirited sounds to several Noe Valley venues, including the Dubliner bar on 24th Street. PHOTO BY ED BURYN

Star Bakery, 1701 Church St. "The Irish soda bread is offered all year, but on St. Paddy's Day they're coming from all over to get it, from the Irish clubs and all the major hotels," notes owner Roland Winger.

"We bake around 5,000 loaves. And people are lined up already at 6:30 in the morning when we open on March 17. We'll also have green shamrock cookies and blarney stones, which are shortcake cookies coated in barley sugar."

Food for Irish thought is served up throughout the month at Dog-Eared Books, 1173 Valencia St. Belfast poet Derek Mahon reads from his work at 8 p.m. on March 11, and several contributors to the Irish-American anthology *The Next Parish Over* appear on March 24. The sounds turn explicitly musical on Sundays, with Andrew MacNamara and Johnny Moynihan on March 13 from 4 to 7 p.m., and Peter Heelin & Friends on March 20 and 27 from 5 to 8 p.m.

On the first weekend of the month, you can catch those three Irish musicians and many others at the Celtic Music & Arts Festival at Fort Mason, co-produced by the Derry-bred former Noe Valley bartender and current resident Peter O'Neill. Scheduled are accordionist Sharon Shannon (whom you've seen on posters around the neighborhood), as well as the group Altan and San Francisco's own Kennelly Dancers, along with food, drink, arts, and crafts.

Tickets for March 5 and 6 are available at the Dubliner, the Cork 'n' Bottle, and at Phoenix Books and Records, at 24th and Vicksburg.

The Irish Arts Foundation, headed by O'Neill and writer Eddie Stack, is now based in Noe Valley, so it seems a proper place to get into the spirit. "Over 40 million people in the last census claimed some sort of Irish connection, and there's a few million in the Bay Area," notes O'Neill with mild exaggeration.

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A Carjacking, Bank Robbery, Four Muggings, And a Smash-up

By Officer Lois Perillo

There were four street robberies and two commercial robberies within my area of Noe Valley during January.

The first, on New Year's Day at 9 p.m., was quite serious. A 31-year-old man new to San Francisco was abducted during the commission of an auto theft, when a 45-year-old male suspect tackled him from behind as he attempted to enter a borrowed car parked at 3970 24th St.

The targeted man was pushed face down onto the front floor boards as a female suspect entered the vehicle. The man was robbed of his money and hit once when he raised his head. But the suspects finally released him eight hours later at Gough and Golden Gate streets.

The stolen vehicle was recovered the next afternoon at 1 p.m. on the 600 block of McAllister Street, and several suspects were detained. Inspector Michael Maloney of the Robbery Detail is handling the case.

Bank Robber Poses as a Woman

The Bank of America branch at 24th and Castro was targeted in a robbery on Jan. 25 at 2:40 p.m. The 25-year-old male suspect dressed as a woman and used a pellet pistol resembling a semi-automatic handgun.

He fled in a stolen Mazda, which Officer Omar Bueno recovered a short time later, after the suspect crashed at 26th and Noe streets. He had abandoned the vehicle, leaving the pistol behind.

Although the police saturated the area, the suspect avoided capture, but the bait money, which sends an electronic signal,

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was found at Day Street Park (also known as Upper Noe Playground), near 30th and Sanchez. Inspector Thomas Horan is in charge of the S.F.P.D. investigation, while the FBI maintains primary jurisdiction, since bank robbery is a federal offense.

Ma and Pa Store Hit

On Jan. 29 at 7:15 p.m., a corner grocery store owner was robbed of a small amount of cash when a 30-year-old suspect wearing a black hooded parka and blue bandanna over his face pointed a pistol at her and said, "Hurry up. Give me the money."

The woman put the cash into a bag provided by the suspect, who then fled west on 22nd from Dolores Street.

According to reporting officer Ronan Shouldice, an observant witness said he would be able to identify the suspect. The case was assigned to Inspector Gary Frederick of Robbery.

In a separate incident, at 8:15 a.m. on Jan. 26, a 14-year-old student from Abraham Lincoln High School was targeted in a robbery by two older teenagers, both males, at the corner of 24th and Church streets. Since this report was filed at the Hall of Justice, I have no further information at this time.

Two Victims in Their 60s

A 62-year-old woman who struggled with a 35-year-old man who took her purse as she neared her front door on the first block of Chattanooga Street on Jan. 30 at 8:30 p.m., drew the attention of witnesses, who directed police to the suspect.

Dwayne Eugene Jackson of the 1200 block of Ingalls Street was detained by Sergeant Linda Whitcop and officers Sandy Ganster and Pam Wanek near the 1000 block of Dolores Street. The targeted woman positively identified Jackson, and Lieutenant Bob Armanino recovered the woman's stolen property.

According to reporting officer Herman Diggs, Jackson had an outstanding \$30,000 felony theft warrant from Martinez, and he was currently on parole. Inspector Ken Wheeler of Robbery is handling this case.

In the final strongarm robbery for January, a 64-year-old woman was returning home to the 600 block of Alvarado Street on Jan. 31 at 3:40 p.m. when she saw a male stranger of undetermined age standing across the street. As she reached her front door and began to open it, the suspect approached her from behind, grabbed her plastic bag containing her wallet, and

said, "Don't say anything. I don't want to hurt you."

According to reporting officer Steve Mulkeen, the targeted woman said she feared for her safety at that point, and screamed. The suspect punched her numerous times in the face, causing her to fall down, then he ran away. Paramedics responded and took the woman to the hospital to be treated for facial lacerations.

The suspect was described as a 6-foot black male, 180 lbs., last seen wearing a dark sweater and dark pants. If anyone has additional information, please contact me at Mission Station.

Driver Wrecks Havoc on Elizabeth

A few nights before Christmas, the 700 and 800 blocks of Elizabeth Street became a crash site, after a man driving a blue Ford Mustang struck 13 cars in his travel up the steep hill.

On Dec. 21 at about 10:15 p.m., police received several 911 calls, saying a man was ramming parked cars on the residential street. When police responded to the scene, they arrested and charged Peter Childress of 19th Street with driving under the influence of alcohol.

According to the accident reports, the repeated impacts of Childress' vehicle caused major damage to five cars, moderate damage to three, and minor damage to five. His driver's license was immediately suspended for one year, as provided by the California Vehicle Code.

Childress' second court date has been set for March 2 in Department 15 at 9 a.m., where an acceptable disposition of this case will include restitution to his victims, according to Assistant District Attorney Bernadette Snyder.

Until next time, see you on patrol. □

Officer Lois Perillo is a member of the San Francisco Police Department's Community Police On Patrol program (CPOP). Her beat centers on 24th Street and extends from 21st and Grand View to Army and Valencia streets. She can be reached at Mission Station at 553-1544.



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Saturday	26 March	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	27 March	8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. o.m. (Spanish), 12:00 Noon, 5:00 p.m.

Holy Tuesday

29 March Tenebrae: Praying the Passion 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday

31 March 7:30 p.m. Solemn concelebrated bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of the Feet, Procession

Good Friday

1 April 12 Noon Stations of the Cross (English)
1:00 p.m. Reading of the Passion
2:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word,
Adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, (Spanish)

Easter Vigil

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Open Hand Delivers Meals with Team Spirit

By Jeanne Alexander

"Adopt-A-Route for Open Hand." You've heard the pitch. You know the score: Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS. You think that's a great thing, and wish you could help. But you're not sure whether you can tackle a route by yourself.

Well, why not get your friends or business associates to form a team?

"All that's needed is a core group of 8 to 10 people who elect a leader and pick one day per week on which they can deliver meals," says Marilyn Picariello, the volunteer recruiter at Project Open Hand who took over the Adopt-A-Route program 16 months ago.

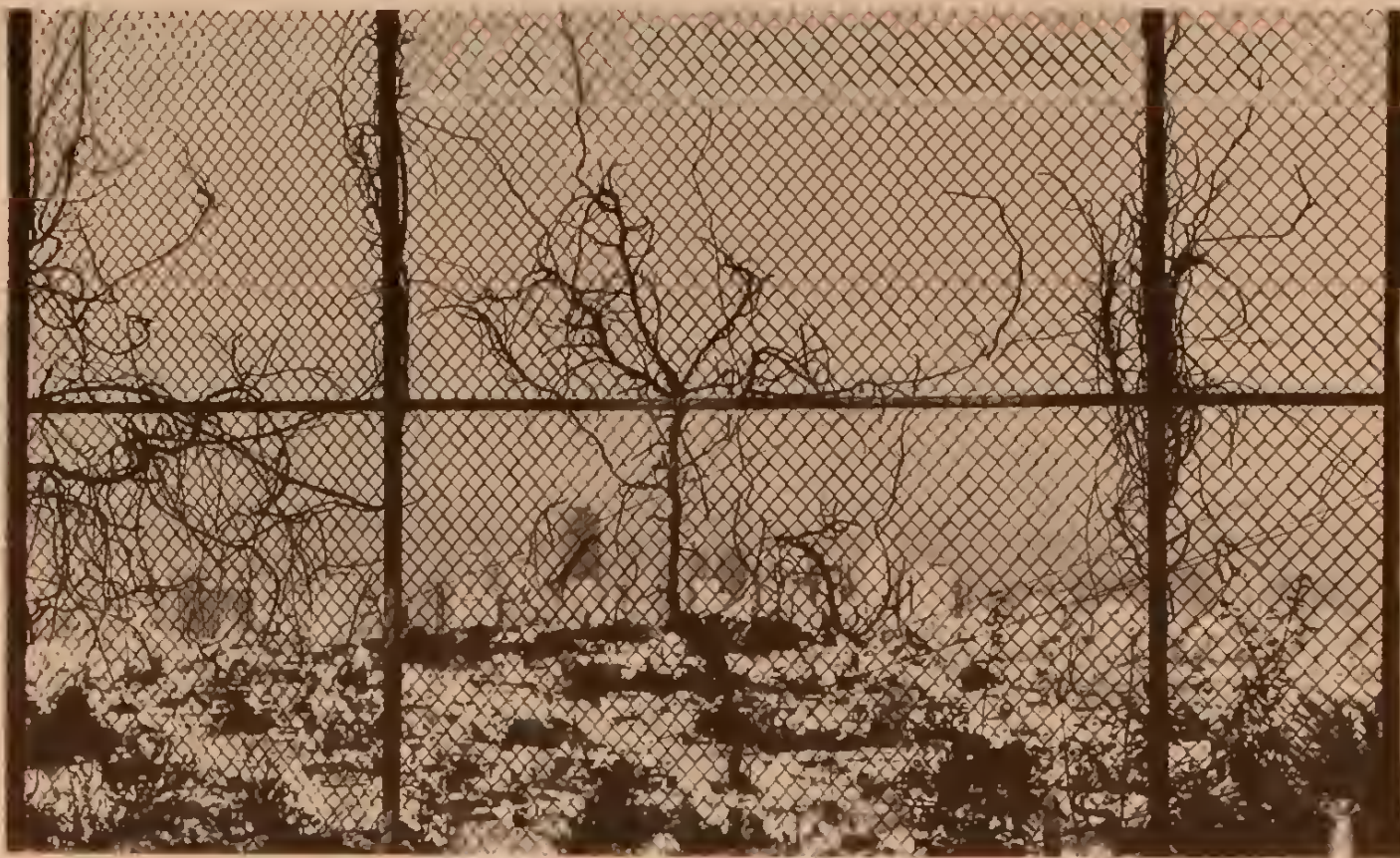
"We're not asking for money," she notes. "We're asking our community churches, synagogues, neighborhood groups, and companies to work together in the fight against AIDS."

Working together means that each team member may spend only one night a month delivering food to clients, Picariello points out, since it usually requires just one car and a pair of volunteers—a driver and a helper—to cover a route.

Open Hand likes to use the slogan "neighbors feeding neighbors," and among the Noe Valley neighbors who have already adopted routes are two churches—Bethany United Methodist and the Noe Valley Ministry—demonstrating that deliverance can mean exactly that: delivering dinner to people who need it the most.

At Bethany Church, located on Sanchez near Clipper, John Nelson heads the 12-person team that has been wheeling around the streets of Noe Valley and the Castro for the past 15 months.

"Our church is a reconciling congregation," says Nelson, "and we feel this is an outreach to the community, encompass-



The World Outside: A view of the San Francisco skyline from Douglass Park. PHOTO BY ED BURYN

ing both gay and straight members, and a way to serve people in need."

In April, the church plans a service to recognize its volunteer meal deliverers.

Over at the Noe Valley Ministry, on Sanchez near 23rd, Reverend Carl Smith is one of three drivers working the church's neighborhood route.

"I feel this is a very satisfying project for us. It speaks to our compassion, and it's manageable," says Smith, adding, "I want to salute the people at Open Hand, who have done an extraordinary job in organizing the deliveries."

Dean Bistline, the Ministry's team leader, agrees that "there's a real feeling of service in helping feed people who lack the ability to prepare their own meals or even to get out of their houses in some cases."

Bistline admits, however, that after nine months of duty, the Ministry's six-person team is feeling a bit stretched. "We're down below the minimum [number of people per team]," he says. "At the

end of March, we'll have to take a hard look at whether we can continue without additional helpers."

Even though he has a couple of volunteers waiting to climb in on the passenger side, Bistline's team could use two or three more people with cars to drive the route, which spans eight blocks of Noe Valley and the Castro. (Call him at 648-4642 if you fit the bill.)

According to Picariello, an evening's meal delivery takes from 1½ to 2 hours. Drivers pull into the loading dock of Open Hand's kitchen at 2720 17th St. between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., load the hot dinner containers into their cars, and fan out around the city. In San Francisco, she says, Open Hand delivers some 1,500 meals to their waiting clients, who report

that the daily contact of a knock on the door and a smiling greeting are part of the nourishment.

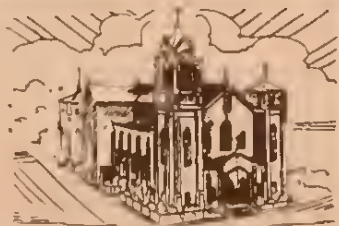
Founded by Ruth Brinker in 1985, when she began cooking and delivering dinners for seven people with AIDS, Project Open Hand now serves over 2,300 men, women, and children with AIDS in San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Emeryville.

Volunteers are always welcome, and any group—business, club, church, neighborhood association—interested in adopting a route should call Marilyn Picariello at 553-2867. She hopes that "neighbors feeding neighbors" will become food for thought—and action. □

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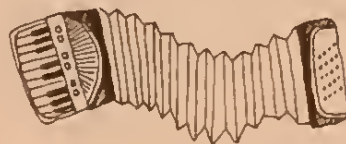
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All photographs were created, produced, developed, and printed by the students, who run the club themselves and operate it on a donation basis.

"I like to take pictures because it's fun," says member Anthony Margin, 13. "Whatever picture you take, there is always something interesting in the picture."

The exhibit was made possible by a grant from the Esprit Foundation, as well as equipment donations from Adolf Gasser. For more information or to make a donation, call 664-2333.

The San Francisco Coffee Company is open Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the show will run through March 15.

Harpsichordist Magnifique

Noe Valley resident Katherine Roberts Perl (featured in the March 1992 *Voice*) was honored recently by L'Association Des Victoires de la Musique Classique in Paris, France, for her first solo harpsichord recording.

Among 43 nominees in all categories, Roberts was the only American soloist. Her recording, *Louis Couperin, Pieces de Clavecin*, released in April, 1993, was nominated as "Best Baroque Recording of the Year." It is currently a bestseller at Streetlight Records on 24th Street.

Roberts performs regularly throughout the United States, and frequently in neighborhood churches. She has given recitals at the Noe Valley Ministry, Bethany Methodist Church, and Holy Innocents Episcopal Church. In addition, she teaches harpsichord to private students in the San Francisco Bay Area.

For more information about her CD or performance schedules, call 641-0940.

SHORT TAKES

Soccer League Kicks Off

Kids who were under the age of 12 on Aug. 1, 1993, listen up: the newly formed Mission Youth Soccer League still has openings for fourth- and fifth-graders.

The league is currently working with Jamestown Community Center (located at 23rd and Fair Oaks) and the Fair Oaks Neighbors residents' group to make Edison Elementary School, 3531 22nd St., the home of a new soccer program.

League coordinators got the ball rolling Feb. 21, at a soccer clinic for 100 eager kids who hailed mostly from Hunters Point and the Mission District.

According to Paul Nixon, director of the Fair Oaks Neighbors Youth Program, the Mission Youth Soccer League's ultimate goal is to bring at least three teams from Edison together (including one sponsored by the Jamestown Community Center) for summer competition in the league, "as an antidote to rising violence among city youth." Teams will get in shape during noontime intramural competition this spring.

Jamestown is currently recruiting players and coaches from Edison and the Noe Valley and Mission neighborhoods. The recruitment effort is being coordinated by the Fair Oaks Neighbors, who have been staunch supporters of Jamestown for many years.

For more information about joining a soccer team or if you'd like to volunteer to help out, call the Fair Oaks Neighbors at 647-4709. Players should leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and the best time to reach them.

Play a Big Part at the Library

The love of literature is flourishing on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Noe Valley Library, thanks to neighborhood resident Saul Fenster, who leads a weekly play-reading group.

Anyone interested in reading plays aloud and discussing them afterward is invited to join the group, which currently has six regular members.

Fenster, who has been an avid theater-lover for many years, has spare copies of the *Modern Library Giant of Sixteen Famous American Plays*, which is the book the group will be using for the next few months. In mid-February, the group tackled *They Knew What They Wanted* by Sidney Howard. Most recently, members plunged into *Waiting for Lefty* by Clifford Odets.

Although he does have a few loaner books, Fenster asks that new members bring their own copies of plays, if possible. Just call him at 647-2483 to find out which play is next on the list.

The play-readers' group convenes in the meeting room of the Noe Valley Library, located at 451 Jersey St.

Quaker Meetings

The Society of Friends would like to let residents know that Quaker Meeting (sometimes referred to as "silent meeting") is now being held on Sunday mornings in Noe Valley and Bernal Heights.

This traditional unprogrammed worship takes place at 10 a.m. in members' homes. For the location on any given Sunday, call Alison at 282-4796. For more information on Quaker belief and practice or to learn more about the worship group, call Ted at 695-9345.

The meetings are an outgrowth of the San Francisco Friends Meeting, whose larger gatherings take place in the Richmond District.



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Realtor Honored

Congratulations to Ilse Cordoni, manager of Zephyr Real Estate's 24th Street office, for being named 1993 Realtor of the Year by the San Francisco Association of Realtors. The award is conferred in recognition of the recipient's contributions to the 3,500-member association, the real estate profession, and the community at large.

Cordoni was recognized for her commitment to maintaining the highest standards of practice in the real estate business, and for her extensive community involvement. She has served as a director of the San Francisco Association of Realtors since 1990 and as a member of the Professional Standards Panel, which hears business disputes between realtors.

In addition, for the past two years Cordoni has organized the "Limos and Lunch" event for members, which has raised over \$6,000 for Project Open Hand, an organization that provides hot meals to Bay Area residents who are homebound with AIDS.

Shop's Psychic Allure

Allure, the women's secondhand clothing shop at 1320 Castro St., is now offering a series of "enlightening Thursdays," says owner Tricia Hollenberg.

From 5 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, Scottish-born Hollenberg gives free mini-tarot readings and refreshments with any purchase. "Bring a friend and enjoy a night of shopping and illumination," she says.

Hollenberg also advises customers to watch for special "trunk shows" to be given by Noe Valley fashion designer Lisa Violetto, whose vests, chokers, scarves, ties, jewelry, and other accessories are carried at Allure (and featured at 1. Magnin, Nordstrom, and other boutiques and department stores).

Allure is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays, 1 to 9 p.m.

For an update on evening events, call Hollenberg at 282-0722.

Give Schools a Boost

If you have a child in public school, don't forget that this year's California tax form features a new check-off box at the bottom, which will help fund books and media technology for all public school libraries.

There's just one catch: if in any year the check-off fails to generate \$250,000, it will be dropped from the tax form forever.

So if you love books, and want to help children learn to love them too, watch for the box. Any taxpayer can contribute by simply deducting their donation from their refund, or adding it to the tax due.

For more information, call the California Media & Library Educators Association, at 692-2350.

Dance Till You Drop for AIDS

Now is the time to register for the AIDS Dance-a-thon on March 12, which will benefit nine different AIDS organizations.

Here's how it works. Just call for a sponsor form (392-9255), and then ask your family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor you, for anywhere from \$2 to \$100 an hour. (Actually, the sky's the limit.)

The five-hour Dance-a-thon will take place at the Moscone Center, on Howard Street between 3rd and 4th, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Elaborate lighting, hot music, and a huge dance floor will set the scene. Each hour will consist of a 45-minute dance set, followed by a 15-minute break period featuring exciting dance and musical performances.

Admission is limited to pre-registered dancers, who must turn in a minimum of \$75 at the door. Further details are included with registrations forms.

This month's Short Takes were written by Sheila Daniels and Jane Underwood.

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Noe Family Treasures Memories of Indonesia

By Jeff Kaliss

Inside his parents' rented Victorian on Sanchez Street, 12-year-old David Carroll reminisces about his 2½ years spent 13,000 miles away in Southeast Asia.

"One minus about being here," he says, "is that it's kind of hard to tell other people about Indonesia, because they don't know anything about it, and you have to start from scratch."

"Sometimes people aren't really interested," comments his mother, Christine Leivermann. "You need a common reference point," adds Bob Carroll, David's dad. "Indonesia doesn't look, feel, or smell like Noe Valley."

A visit to this traveling family's home-stand is enough to spark anybody's interest. On the walls of the vestibule hang beautifully carved and decorated wooden masks, collected from the distinct cultures of the several islands that make up Indonesia.

At mealtime, the tangy aromas of *nasi goreng* (fried rice) and peanut-based *satay* enhance the air. And the dreamy sounds of a gamelan orchestra ooze out from a cassette player.

"This is the entrance music for the Ramayana," explains Bob. "It's a Hindu epic put on over four nights."

"It's about a prince who marries a princess, and then she gets captured, and he has to go save her," adds young David, who studied religion and culture in the fifth and sixth grades at Djakarta International School.

"It's scheduled so you have these towers of the Hindu temple flood-lit against the dark sky, and the show begins just as the full moon comes up," continues Bob. "It's very, very lovely."

The pragmatic reason for their Indonesian experience was a continuation of Bob and Christine's professional careers in the field of foreign service. They'd met in San Francisco in 1979, after each finished a stint working with refugees for the Intergovernmental Committee for Migration—Bob in Singapore and Christine in Thailand.

After David was born, the family spent a couple of years in Africa and then returned to Noe Valley, which Christine, a specialist in maternal health care, had considered her home base since first moving here in 1977.

Bob joined the San Francisco-based Asia Foundation in 1989, with the hope of receiving another overseas assignment. "The foundation's widget is that it gives financial and technical assistance, focusing on public policy issues involved with economics, parliamentary, and legislative development, and legal development," he explains.

"In the fall of '90, for example, there was a lot of movement in the Cambodian peace process, so I went to Bangkok for about six weeks to be involved in their strategic planning exercise."

Christine was informed while Bob was still in Thailand that the foundation wanted him to accept a long-term posting in Indonesia. Late in 1990, the family consulted by long distance and decided to go for it.

"David and I basically had to handle the packing while Bob was working," she recalls. "I didn't really want to go," admits David, who was enrolled at the Discovery Center School on Ocean Avenue at the time. "I didn't want to leave behind my friends."

Arriving in Djakarta, the capital of Indonesia, in early 1991, Bob and Christine went about finding housing and schooling for David with the clear intent of immersing themselves in their new society.



A wall of masks and Milo the Indonesian Cat are mementos from an exciting 2½-year adventure in Southeast Asia for Christine Leivermann, Bob Carroll, and their son David. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

"One of my concerns was that David might get stuck and turned into one of those 'American school' brats," says Bob. "They're isolated between two cultures, and they're kind of doted upon by their parents. But David's school was not like that. Fully half of the kids were from Asian countries, and the school took a very continuous effort to make sure that kids knew where they were."

Unlike many other expatriates, the family settled in a middle-class Indonesian neighborhood. "A lot of folks in the private sector are not altogether pleased with being there, although the money is very good for them, and it's important to their careers," Bob points out. "And a lot of them will tend to segregate in housing complexes, with lots of 'ex-pats' living together in very fine homes."

By contrast, David experienced a neighborhood swarming with street life. "There were a lot of moving vendors with their carts," he recounts. "Each one had a distinctive call. Some had an air horn, and some had little glasses with sticks. And they'd be selling everything from food to toilet plungers to toys." The hot, muggy weather made the ice cream man one of David's favorite merchants.

After dark, the air resonated with the sounds of worship from the half-dozen mosques that served the Muslim majority. "There was a lot of impact from the prayers," chuckles Christine, "and it was sometimes a rather stressful point for us at 4:30 in the morning."

In school, David got recruited into a gamelan orchestra, based on gongs and metallophones, in a historical play about Ibu Kartini. "She was one of the first women's rights activists in Indonesia," he notes. "I liked the music, it almost sounded like water."

He also took electives, some of which involved travel outside Djakarta. "One of mine was traditional farming, and that was really fun," he says.

"We got to learn how to plant rice, harvest casaba, and how to plow with their water buffaloes. The day before, we had gone to Borobudur, the largest Buddhist temple in the world, and we got to go to all the shops down below. There are no set prices, so you get to haggle, and I got a hat and a little brass gecko." The shiny metal lizard now rests in his bedroom.

Christine enjoyed her own adventures, working with the Ministry of Health on reforming clinic care in three of the country's provinces. "The most fascinating place I went to was Kalimantan, the old island of Borneo," she says. "It's mostly primal rain forest that's really beautiful. In one place I was the first foreign woman they'd ever seen, and there was an enormous amount of curiosity, people coming up and touching you."

"Also, it was the best food I'd had, since each of the islands is like a separate little country with its own customs, traditions, and styles of cooking. On Kalimantan, breakfast was some sort of taro paste, on top of which was a fresh-water smoked fish."

"I think I was very different from many foreigners who lived there," says Bob. "They may have gone to some of the classic tourist places, they'd fly to Bali or Singapore, whereas we would just get in the car."

On the family's weekend trips south of Djakarta, "you'd get up into the mountains to the tea plantations, and for several hours you could get to all kinds of volcanoes. . . . The roads were okay, but the most difficult part was the intercity buses, which were behemoths spewing out diesel fumes with stuff strapped to the top."

Bob found his duties with the "best and the brightest" among the personnel of Indonesia's Supreme Court and ministries of finance and justice to be "some of the most satisfying work I've ever done." It involved, among other things, working on

reforms in legal education, including the first-ever Indonesian-language codification of the country's laws, which remain in the Dutch texts created 150 years ago.

He was understandably dejected when the Asia Foundation decided to end his assignment after only 2½ years, due to cuts in funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

"We thought we were going to be there through at least June of '96," says Bob. "We were all very disappointed—one, that we would have to leave, and two, that it was happening so quickly. I think that the foundation was damaging long-term interests."

"We thought about moving to Washington, D.C., because the potential of jobs there is much greater. But we were very concerned about showing up at the end of August, having to learn about what the school system was, and getting David enrolled. We very much love what we do, but one of our central convictions has been to not make David pay the bill for it."

Since returning to Noe Valley last fall, both Christine and Bob have sought new employment without success. "Having refocused and refined what I'm interested in doing has eliminated a number of kinds of positions that I might be able to work in," says Christine, "and I find the market somewhat limiting here."

"While San Francisco is certainly a very international city, unfortunately we're not Geneva-on-the-Pacific," adds her husband. "So if we're looking for work in international development, it would necessitate moving either to Washington or back overseas. But people institutionally and politically are wondering what foreign assistance is all about, so the budget dollars are tight."

In the meantime, David is back at the Discovery Center and is living on the same block with two of the best friends he left behind in 1991.

"For him and for us too, this area is familiar, which makes it comfortable, which makes it feel secure," says his mother. "If I had to be unemployed anywhere, this is where I'd feel best, because when you're in a situation of turmoil, it's nice to be in a place where you feel you have roots."

What does David miss about Indonesia? "The really magnificent thunderstorms, my friends, a lot of stuff—well, pretty much everything." □

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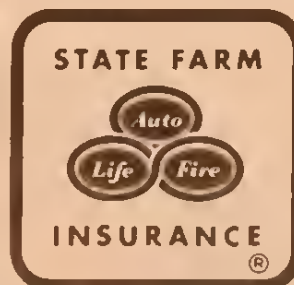
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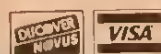
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STORE T R E K

By Rick Garner

Outer Church Street is bustling these days, especially with the addition of two spiffy new stores. And on the other side of 24th Street, at Chattanooga and 22nd, a skin care salon is now at your service.

Martha & Bros. 1551 Church St. 648-1166

Martha Monroy and brothers Jaime and Sergio Guerrero, owners of Martha & Brothers on 24th Street (formerly the San Francisco Coffee Company), are celebrating the opening of a second Noe Valley store, also named Martha & Brothers.

On Dec. 11, their new outlet at Church and Duncan streets began dispensing the same warm smiles and steaming cups of coffee as its predecessor.

Jaime Guerrero oversees the Church Street operation, along with his wife, Ivonne, and associates Nelly Hernandez and Noel Martinez. He reports that nowadays there is increased foot traffic on Church Street, but not the kind of con-



Ivonne and Jaime Guerrero dispense coffee, chocolates, pastries, and coffee accessories at the new Martha & Brothers on Church Street. PHOTOS BY CHARLES KENNARD.

gestion you'd find on 24th Street.

"My customers love to come here," he says. "They can park their cars, come in, and enjoy their coffee."

Martha & Brothers roasts its own coffee beans, offering 50 varieties and blends of coffee. The shop, which offers its patrons several inside tables and a bench out front, specializes in serving cappuccinos and cafe lattes topped with frothy steamed milk, as well as fresh muffins, scones, and other pastries and desserts.

The store also stocks a large selection of coffee and espresso makers, with familiar names like Krups, Melitta, and

Braun. Thermal carafes, teapots, and mugs fill the shelves.

Martha & Brothers is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sundays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MikeyTom Market 1747 Church St. 826-5757

Having meticulously planned every aspect of their new market for two years, owners Tom Maravilla and Mike Meischke looked to their 3-year-old godson, Baxter, for help in selecting their store's name. But there was really no contest.

"He was always putting our two names together," laughs Maravilla. "I was Mikey-Tom, and Mike was MikeyTom. And then when I saw the 'M-T-M' in the bas-relief [on the building's facade], that clinched it."

So MikeyTom it became—giving customers a 50-50 chance of getting the proprietor's name right when they walk in the Art Deco storefront at the corner of Church and Day streets, which once housed a Safeway store.

Open since Dec. 9, the MikeyTom Market is a rarity for this neck of the woods—a mid-size grocery store with an emphasis on organically-grown produce and top-of-the-line natural foods. But in addition to lots of organic labels, the market is well stocked with brand names like Pepperidge Farm, Kellogg's, and Lean Cuisine. It also affords a full line of dairy products, gourmet coffees, and conventionally-grown fruits and vegetables. Breads are delivered fresh from Grace Baking, Metropolis, Semi-Freddi, and Bakers of Paris.

"We want to be a store that is known for its healthy food, not health food," says Maravilla. "But, above all, we want to be a neighborhood store, so we try to keep our prices reasonable."

Both proprietors came to the venture with food industry backgrounds. Meischke spent several years in the restaurant and deli business, and Maravilla managed a gourmet wine and cheese shop for eight years.

"But I myself have never liked shopping," says Maravilla. "I could never find a place I liked. So I made a place that I would enjoy going to." MikeyTom's spacious interior sports a large floral display in the front window, a '40s-style black and white linoleum floor, and bright yellow walls, hung with the works of neighborhood artists. (Paintings by Martha Hubert will be on display in March.)



The produce section at the MikeyTom Market on Church Street is always well populated. Shown (from left) are Tom Maravilla, Ted Heslin, Mike Meischke, Jay Calloway, Marcia Amaya (front), and Julianna Valtrova.

For customers' convenience, Meischke and Maravilla offer prepared foods to go, pastries, and coffee drinks, all of which can be enjoyed at outside table seating. The store also sells flowers, hardware, pet supplies, and health and beauty aids.

After two months of operation, Maravilla says he and his partner have been impressed by the tastes of neighborhood residents. "We were surprised at the caliber of the cooking going on here in Noe Valley," he notes. "We've already expanded our Thai food section!"

The store has also applied for a beer and wine license, and is hoping to increase its home-delivery service (right now they deliver to within a nine-block radius).

Current hours at MikeyTom are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

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Since individual satisfaction is her goal and each person's skin condition is unique, Kleftogianne uses the initial consultation to listen carefully to her clients and tailor the treatment to their specific needs.

"I want to provide the very best in personal service," she says. "Continuing education is essential to keep abreast of the latest technology and developments. I attend four or more trainings each year."

One of the more soothing treatments a customer can experience in her elegant and relaxing salon is a facial, which starts with a deep cleansing, followed by aromatherapy, a massage, and a mask.

"However, in my opinion, facials are not a luxury," Kleftogianne says. "When you take care of your skin, you are taking care of yourself. And when you take care of yourself, you feel better."

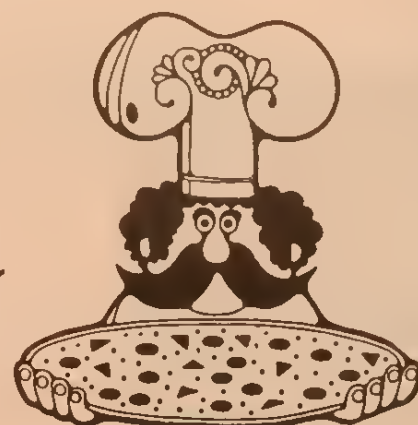
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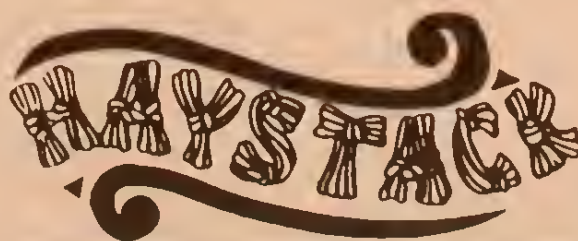
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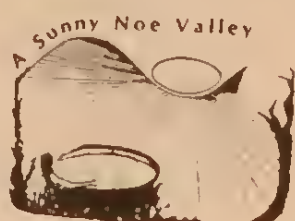
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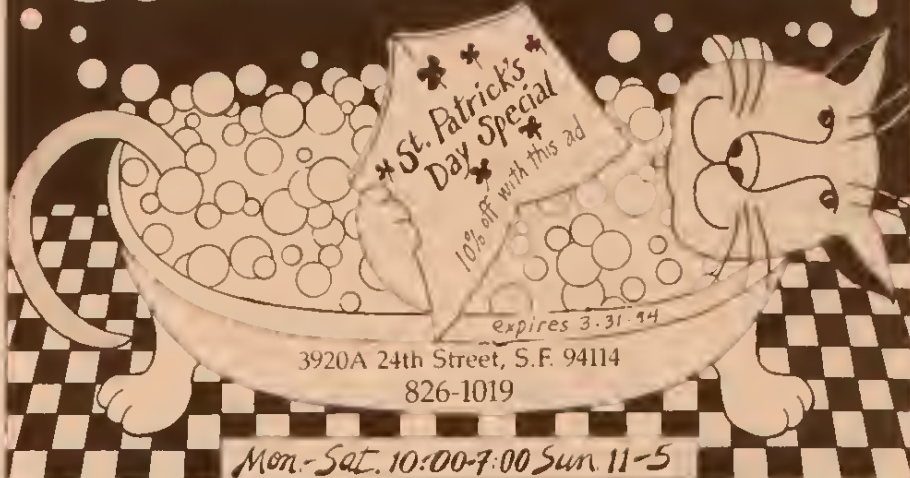
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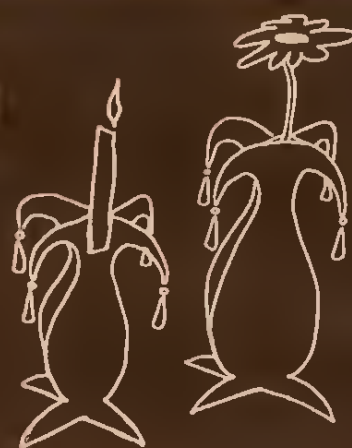
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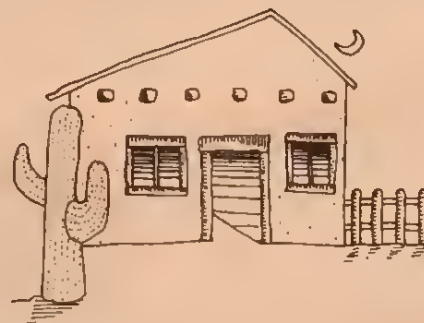
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Diamond Heights Community Association

Contact: Robert Dockendorff, 826-3867

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 31529, San Francisco, CA 94131

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Contact: Evelyn Martin, 826-6734,

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Contact: Paul Kantus, 647-3753

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Fairmount Neighborhood Association

Contact: Al Ujcic, 648-3545, or Susan Nutter, 285-8484

Mailing Address: 78 Harper St., San Francisco, CA 94131

Meetings: Held periodically at Upper Noe Recreation Center, Day & Sanchez, 7 p.m.

Fair Oaks Neighbors

Contact: Kevin Brickley, 285-4938

Mailing Address: 165 Fair Oaks St., San Francisco, CA 94110

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Liberty Hill Neighbourhood Association

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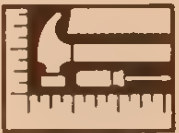
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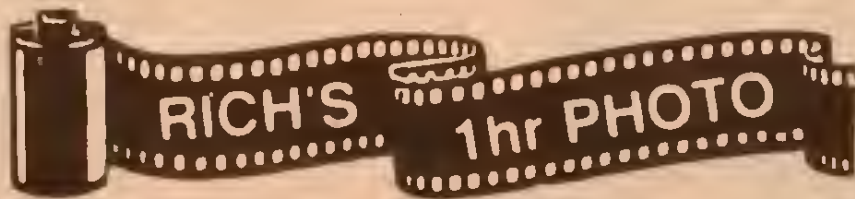
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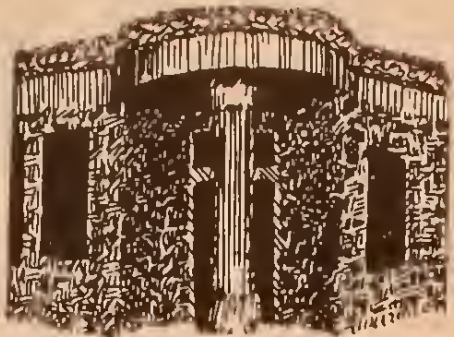




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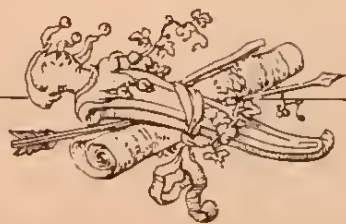
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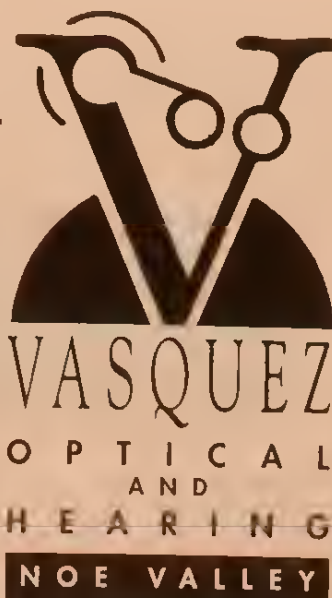
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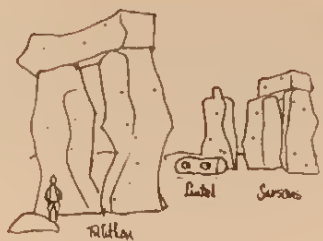
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One monumental memory of mine goes back 20 years to 1974, when my father and I, on our way home from a trip to Finland, made a short stopover in England to visit Stonehenge on the Salisbury Plain.

There we joined a bus tour that took us through the unspoiled English countryside, passing old Roman walls, and visiting lofty stone houses of worship, such as the ancient Winchester and beautiful Salisbury cathedrals.

We were fortunate enough to visit Stonehenge before it had to be fenced in to ensure its preservation. Thus, we were able to wander freely among those mysterious monoliths, dwarfed by their size and filled with reverence, for this surely was a sacred place.

Stonehenge has inspired centuries of fervent speculation. Who were the builders? What force drove such arduous undertaking? What was the purpose?

We knew it had been suggested that the Romans, the Druids, the Vikings, or even Merlin the Magician had a hand in it. My father and I, being of Scandinavian ancestry, were solidly behind the Vikings, of course. We hoped to credit them with something other than the pillaging and raping for which they had long been infamous.

On the bus ride to Stonehenge, our hope was bolstered when we saw some large earth mounds that resembled those built for the burial of Norse kings and their long ships. But after hearing the walk-through lecture given by a

uniformed ranger at the site, we were forced to give up on the Vikings.

We learned that Stonehenge had been completed about two thousand years before the Romans even came into the picture. By the time the Druids appeared in Britain, Stonehenge was already a ruin, and the Vikings, alas, came much, much later.

According to our ranger, a race called the Beaker People (named for the elegant burnished pottery that they buried with cremated human remains) was responsible for building Stonehenge.

Historians now say, however, that the Beakers arrived long after the circles of stone appeared. Furthermore, they are now seen as interlopers, pillagers, and imbibers of mead, a fermented alcoholic



beverage made from honey, which they served in those elegant beakers. Although the timing is off by thousands of years, the Beakers sure sound like Vikings to me!

Archaeological excavations have established that Stonehenge was built in three different stages over a period of six centuries. The earliest construction, which began in 2180 B.C., was a circular ditch and bank with an opening that faced northeast. About 250 feet outside the circle, between it and the horizon, was a large rock called the "heel stone." (If you stand in the center of the ring at dawn on the longest day of summer and look toward the heel stone, you'll see

the sun rise directly above it.)

A few hundred years later, around 1800 B.C., a laborious reconstruction began. Eighty blue stones, of a kind found only in South Wales, were transported from there to Stonehenge—over 140 miles as the crow flies—presumably by water. These were arranged in double circles within the original ditches.

This configuration lasted until 1550 B.C. Then the blue stones were removed temporarily, to make way for 30 enormous sarsens (stone pillars). Some weighed as much as 25 tons, and were moved from Marlborough Downs, 20 miles to the north.

These pillars were smoothed and shaped to fit together precisely, while they were still on the ground. Then

they were raised to form a circle with lintelled tops. The work was done with stone tools, some of which have since been discovered wedged beneath the stones.

This is the monument that has survived until today, although some of the stones have fallen.

Back in 1974, the ranger revealed with obvious relish that only a few years prior to our visit, the mystery of Stonehenge had begun to unravel with the advent of new technologies. In 1963, a scholar named Gerald Hawkins began feeding all of the known

information about Stonehenge into a computer. But only when the latitude of 51 degrees was added to the data did the computer come up with answers!

It is now believed that Stonehenge was an ancient astronomical observatory, an early primitive computer that predicted solar and lunar eclipses, which would have been pure magic to a superstitious populace. More importantly, it also predicted the summer and winter solstices, which are so important to an agricultural people, as were the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, in marking the correct times to sow and to harvest.

It is possible that Stonehenge was also a symbolic monument, erected for the purpose of recording the rhythms of the sun and the moon, inspired by spiritual beliefs associated with death and regeneration.

Recently I have been noting the glorious sunrises from our 21st Street hill each morning when I go out to pick up the morning paper. Since fall, when it rose above Potrero Hill, the sun has moved slowly southward. At the mid-winter solstice, it reached a point on the horizon in the South Bay (from my angle on 21st Street, a point right above the telephone company building on 26th Street).

Then, after a week, the sun began to reverse its direction, moving slowly to the north. If I'm calculating correctly, it should rise somewhere around Potrero Hill on March 21, the first day of spring!

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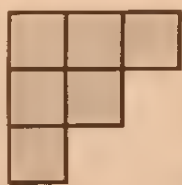
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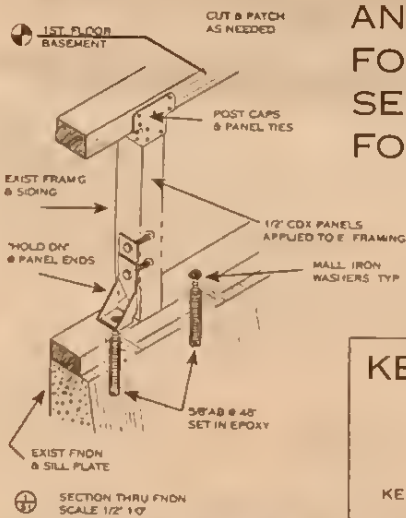
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By Laura McHale Holland

Logan Thomas Hollarsmith

At 5:30 p.m. on June 16, 1992, at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, 8-pound, 6-ounce Logan Thomas Hollarsmith was welcomed into the world by his parents, Sidney Hollar and Randy Smith. Logan's 4-year-old sister, Jordan, greeted him enthusiastically shortly thereafter.

Reflecting upon her children's combination surname, 36-year-old Hollar, a lawyer who is taking a break from the courtroom to be at home while the kids are young, says, "People tease me and say, 'What are they going to do when they grow up and get married?' and I say, 'That's their problem, they can figure it out.'"

Given the finesse with which these two toddlers handle sibling rivalry, they probably won't have much trouble dealing with an unusual name.

"When I had Logan, I felt sorry that he was the second child and wouldn't get as much attention, but he gets a different kind of attention because he has Jordan around all the time, and he just adores her," Hollar says.

"She wrestles and plays hard with him, and he comes back for more. And she loves him too. I was really concerned with moving the center of attention from her, but ever since we brought him home, she's thought he was great."

Smith, who works as a hazardous waste management consultant for Southern Pacific Railroad when he isn't being a daddy, has noticed since Logan's arrival how much a child's sex affects the way

he or she is treated.

"It's interesting how much gender expectations run rampant, even in the '90s. Gender classification occurs almost im-

mediately from the outside world," he observes. "We try to neutralize it, but people make casual comments like 'Oh, he's such a boy!' when Logan's not really

doing anything much different than Jordan did at his age."

Hollar has noticed that certain things have a stronger impact on her now than before she became a mom. "I think I'm turning into my parents," she laughs. "But seriously, before I had children, I didn't think those Calvin Klein ads with the woman in the white bathing suit lying on top of a man would have offended me. But now I think, wait a minute, these are the images my children are seeing, and they don't need to see that out on the Muni line."

"You look at things a little more conservatively," she continues. "People have been saying for the last 20 years that violence on TV is bad, and I think they are right. You don't want your children seeing people killed on the news."

However, at a time when many parents feel they have to leave the city to provide a good education and safe environment for their children, Hollar and Smith, who live on Sanchez Street near 29th, would never dream of leaving Noe Valley.

"It really helps to live in Noe Valley," says Hollar. "I've met so many people, and there's so much going on with children here, like the 25th Street Workout, which has babysitting. My daughter's going to a wonderful preschool. A mother's walk group started out of Natural Resources on 24th Street four years ago, and every other Friday we go to a park somewhere in San Francisco."

"There's also Douglass Park, our babysitting co-op, and the Noe Valley lapsit program. It's made a world of difference, because you really feel a sense of community within Noe Valley."

Smith agrees, saying, "Noe Valley truly is a neighborhood. You could move to the suburbs and not even get a neighborhood. You get tract housing, and that's not acceptable. There's richness and diversity here, and there's more to education than a classroom," he says.

It appears Logan will be pushing his big sister's trains and trucks around in the sandbox at Douglass Park for a long time to come.



The Hollarsmiths: Logan, 1 1/2, Randy Smith, big sister Jordan, 4, and Sidney Hollar.
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It was when those two children began to be sexually abused that she finally packed her bags.

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By Laura McHale Holland

Tobey David Nelson-Gal

President Clinton was totally eclipsed for Julie and David Nelson-Gal when their second son, Tobey David Nelson-Gal, was born at 6:50 p.m. on Jan. 20, 1993—otherwise known as Inauguration Day.

And when the tyke tipped California Pacific Medical Center's scales at 9 pounds, 5 ounces, it became clear that not all of our nation's heavyweights were attending the Inaugural Ball.

"Our first son Max was a little guy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces. But Tobey's head was big. I had three days of labor and three hours of pushing," says 36-year-old Julie.

"Tobey's birth is something people may be interested in, but it may not be something they'd like to experience," adds David, 34.

Now, however—with their family complete, a home on Jersey Street, excellent child care, and two successful careers—their day-to-day life is the stuff that dreams are made of.

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David the Dad, 4 1/2-year-old Max, 1-year-old Tobey, and Mom Julie Nelson-Gal. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

work at home, since it's a computer kind of job." His company also subsidizes a day-care center for sick children. "They let him sleep, take his temperature every hour, give medicine. It provides peace of mind for us," says David.

Max and Tobey, who resemble each other more than anyone else, have similar dispositions as well. "We expected that the baby would love his older brother; we weren't quite sure how much his older brother would love him. But Max is so social, he really likes having a friend around all the time," says Julie.

The boys love to take baths together, but their favorite thing is sitting across from one another on the floor and screaming—at each other. "We call ourselves the Loud Family," laughs Julie.

Julie heads the photography department and is an assistant vice president at Butterfield and Butterfield auctioneers. While the job entails some travel, she usually enjoys a four-day work week.

"I'm actually a very lucky mom, in that I have a job that has a lot of responsibility, and it's a job that I absolutely love, but I get very flexible hours. I usually work two-thirds time, and sometimes get off at 3 p.m. so I can pick up the kids in the afternoon," she says.

When Julie is putting together a photography auction in another city, David, an engineering manager for Sun Microsystems, shoulders the child-care duties.

"We manage," he says. "Both the boys' day-care situations can accommodate us from 8 to 6. I can also do some of my

"No one can quite believe the lungs on Tobey."

With two rambunctious boys on hand, the Nelson-Gals spend far less time cooking and housecleaning than they used to. "We're just not motivated to cook up a nice Thai dinner. We'd rather spend time with the kids," says Julie.

They both, however, still love photography, an interest they've shared since they worked together on student publications at the University of Michigan back in 1978. And Max already has a \$10 camera. "He takes some wonderful pictures. I can't wait until both kids are old enough to get into the darkroom," says David.

But for the moment, he adds, Tobey is preoccupied with getting into his parents' dresser drawers. □

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The asking price for the property is \$1,800,000, which is somewhere between Park Place and Boardwalk on 24th Street's Monopoly board. The church may not have a prayer of getting the \$1.8 mil, but then again, "We're in no rush," says church minister Henry Partida.

Partida, who's been pastor for the past 16 years, says this isn't the first time the church has thought about selling.

"Ten years ago, the people who owned Bell Market offered us \$600,000 in cash. I told them we weren't giving it away, and we would accept that as the first of three installments." Needless to say, Bell bowed out.

The reason Iglesia Segunda is bowing out of the neighborhood is to look for a larger location. Says Partida, "We are at the point where we have outgrown our present facility, and the city has made it next to impossible to expand. Also, parking has become impossible for our parishioners." Tell me about it.

As for the sign, "there has been a lot of response, over a hundred calls," he says. I guess developers would be interested, since according to Zephyr, the Planning Department will allow up to 14 units to be built on the property, zoned mixed-use (residential/commercial).

By the way, the pink house on the east side of the church, with the "For Lease" sign out front, is not the parsonage or in any way connected to the church. But if the building owner would throw the house into the bargain, Downtown Noe Valley would have enough space for a real shopping mall, with an eight-story parking garage and stores like the Gap,

and now for the RUMORS behind the news BY MAZOOK

Mrs. Fields, Kentucky Fried...sorry, just kidding.



SPEAKING OF CHAINS, it looks as if Supercuts will be opening its hair growth management center on 24th Street after all. Protests from neighborhood merchants and residents fell on deaf and probably hairless ears at the Feb. 2 meeting of the Board of Permit Appeals.

Neighborhood hair stylist Liz Nash, who was spearheading the campaign against Supercuts, says the board limited the arguments to six minutes, "and concluded that there was no reason to differentiate between franchises and single-owner shops, and that we hadn't proved that Supercuts would create a significant traffic problem." (For those who didn't read last month's *Voice*, Supercuts will fill the storefront formerly occupied by Kim Lee Laundry, next door to Hot Headz, Nash's salon.)

Meanwhile, Nash has branched out herself by opening a second shop, the Testa Dura Hair Studio, at 1515 Church St. (near Duncan), in the spot where Lily of the Valley used to bloom. It specializes in hair coloring.



EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF PIE: The Church Street coffeehouse What's for Dessert recently ran a help wanted ad in the *Chron/Ex* stating, "Waitperson needed in a friendly Noe Valley cafe." And for the next four days, the cafe's phone wouldn't stop ringing.

Says proprietor Mervyn Mark, "It was unbelievable. We got between 350 and 400 people asking about the job opening, and my customers couldn't reach me to place their orders because of this ad."

A hearty congratulations is in order

for Ayres Gipson, winner of the job sweepstakes and new counterperson at What's for Dessert.

In addition to baking and interviewing, Mark has been rustling up some Noe Valley sympathy for L.A. quake victims. "We put a jar on the counter the day after the Northridge earthquake [Jan. 16], and collected a lot of money over the next few weeks." In February, Mark mailed off a check for over \$600 to the Red Cross.

My last Dessert item is that Mark will bake the wedding cake for the Nikki Bridges/Ed Flynn wedding set for on or about May Day.

Nikki Bridges, who lives in Diamond Heights, is the widow of union leader Harry Bridges, who died in 1990 at the age of 89. Ironically, her fiancé, Ed Flynn, is a former head of the Pacific Maritime Association and the man who sat on the other side of the table when Harry was negotiating contracts for the ILWU.

Best wishes for a happy union.



GETTING PROGRESSIVELY BETTER: Supervisor Kevin Shelley was the guest speaker at last month's Noe Valley Democratic Club meeting. Shelley came to talk about his anti-gun legislation (which restricts sale and ownership), his campaign to try out a no-fare Muni, and the usual what's-going-on-at-Silly-Hall stuff. He is also running for reelection in November.

Prior to the meeting, a second-amendment type dropped some flyers on the literature table, accusing Shelley of undermining his "right to self-defense against criminal violence." But if you discount that guy, Shelley found a warm and receptive audience of 75 Noe Valleons.

"I used to live at 28th and Guerrero," said the supe, who now resides in North Beach. "But I never could figure out whether I lived in Noe Valley or the Mission!"

Shelley took the floor following short speeches by Community College Board head Mabel Teng and School Board president/part-time comedian Tom Ammiano, both of whom were announcing their own campaigns for supervisor.

Shelley welcomed Teng and Ammiano to the race and joked that he was particularly glad to see Tom, "since we need people on the board who are intentionally funny."

Ammiano delivered a few good lines as well (about the school board: "I go to all the meetings, I return all the calls, I get migraines"; about reviving district elections: "We are a family in San Francisco—we're dysfunctional, but we're a family").

Mabel Teng, who's raising twin girls, both attending public school in San Francisco, also charmed the crowd. "Noe Valley was critical to my election in 1990," she said. "I want to make job training for the homeless, for refugees, for women, my priority."

She's also in favor of more beat cops. "I want a cop who is user-friendly, a cop who's like a family doctor whom you can call when you have a problem."

All three talked about the progressive coalition they hoped to build on the board next year. The political mathematics are tricky, but since there are five seats up for grabs, a liberal majority is not out of the question. (In addition to Shelley, three incumbents will stand for reelection—Migdon, Leal, and Conroy—and Maher's seat becomes vacant.)



A LOUD MOO: Things have calmed down now, but a few months back, the staff and PTA at Alvarado Elementary School managed to stir up a controversy that made at least four issues of the *Bay Guardian*.

Seems the California Milk Advisory

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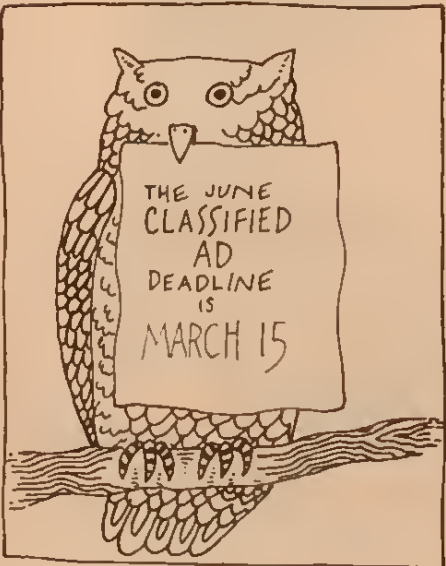


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Since Alvarado staff is constantly coming up short when it comes to school supplies and such, the school jumped at the chance to make a few dollars, and voted *almost* unanimously to accept the offer. However, the lone dissenter, PTA treasurer Marc Norton, decided to notify the *Bay Guardian*.

From Nov. 17 to Dec. 15, 1993, the *Guardian* headlines went from "Ad Agency Rents Kids" to "School Time Not for Sale" to "Milk Board Pulls Ad—Kids Won't Test Commercials in Class Anymore." In other words, the deal collapsed due to adverse publicity.

What's more, when a \$2,400 check from the ad agency (for a related project) arrived at the school in January, Norton refused to accept the money and promptly sent it on to School Superintendent Bill Rojas. Norton then resigned his position as treasurer.

PTA President Kathleen Richards said she phoned Rojas and "explained the situation," and asked for the \$2,400 back. Richards says the check was returned to Alvarado in the next day's mail.

"Everyone was stunned when this whole thing came out in the paper," says Richards, "especially since all the kids in the six classrooms were for it, the teachers were for it, the parents were informed, and when we voted on it originally at the PTA meeting, everyone except Marc was in favor of the proposal."

School Principal Sandra Leigh reports that the school's 18 classrooms and six resource programs will receive about \$100 each from the check deposited in



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January. But she adds that a site committee has been formed to discuss overall policy and act as a clearinghouse for future offers. (The S.F. Unified School District, by the way, had no specific policy in this regard last fall.)

My only question is: would it have been different if instead of milk commercials we were talking Joe Camel cartoons?



IT HAS BEEN 25 years since the Noe Valley Cooperative Nursery School was created by a group of neighborhood parents who used to take their toddlers to play in Douglass Park.

"We are going to have a reunion of students and parents the evening of May 6 at the Noe Valley Ministry and the afternoon of May 7 at Douglass Playground,

where the idea was born," says Nina Youkelson (Zimpel), a co-founder and head teacher at the school.

"We had 50 families back in 1969, who started meeting at what was then the Lebanon Presbyterian Church [now the Noe Valley Ministry]," recalls Youkelson. "When we split those families into two groups, we still had a waiting list long enough to form another co-op which lasted for 15 years."

For the scoop on the reunion, contact Barbara Allen, 558-9909.



BEFORE I GO, I should mention that Noe Valley writer Nancy Evans has a new book out, published by Hunter House, called *The A-to-Z of Pregnancy and Childbirth*. The *Voice* featured an interview with Evans last year. She is president of

Breast Cancer Action, a group working for the prevention and cure of breast cancer.

Congrats, also, to the new officers of Friends of Noe Valley, including David Geren, who took over as president for Steve Roseman. And thanks, Steve, for your great leadership.

Good luck to all you J-Church riders. And let's hope there's a quick repair (sure, count on it) of the sewer that caved in at Church and Jersey in February. The collapse rendered the streetcar tracks unsafe, so many outbound commuters have been disembarking at 23rd and Church to change to a shuttle bus for the rest of the ride.

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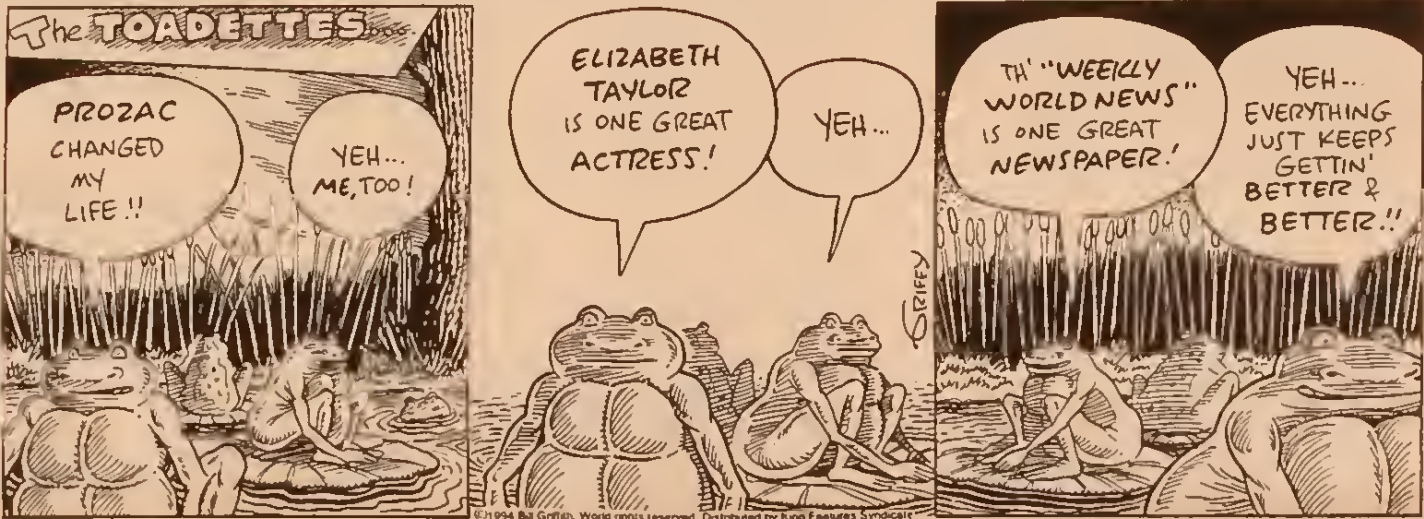
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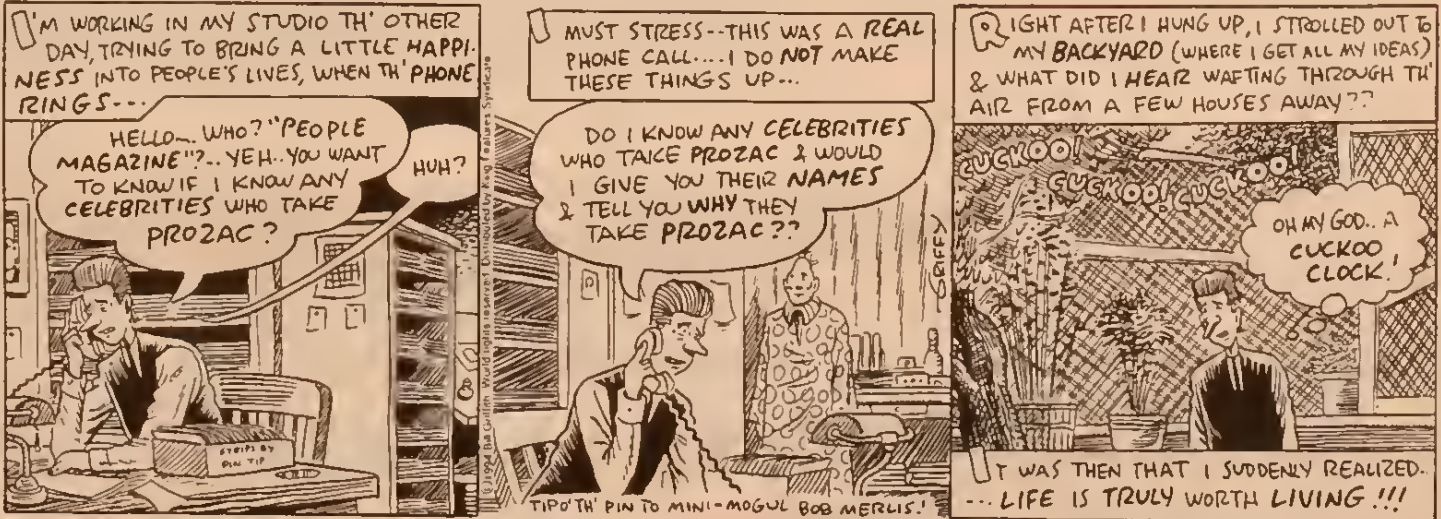
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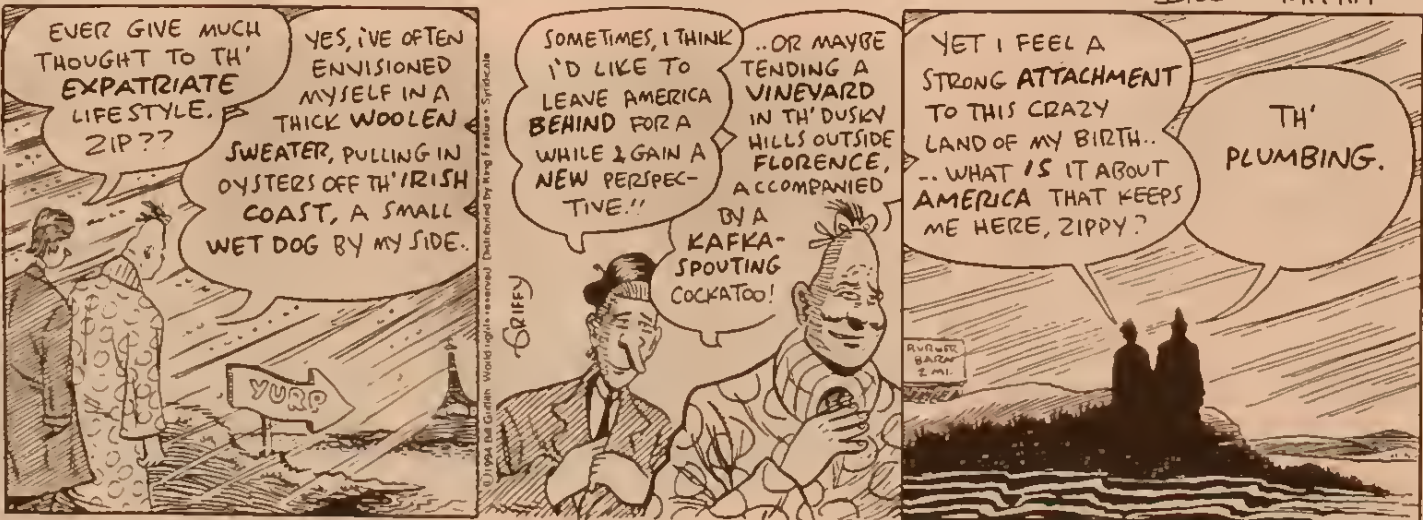
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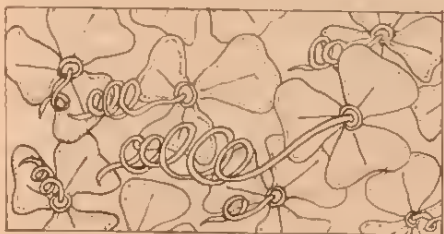


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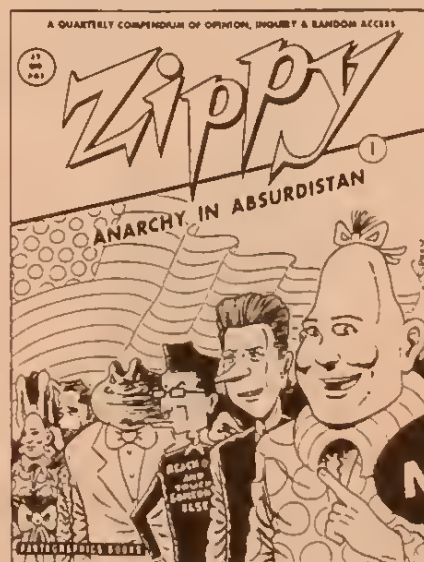
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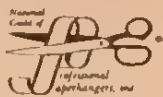
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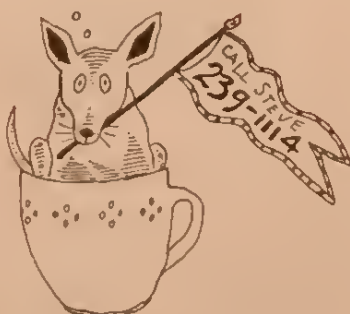
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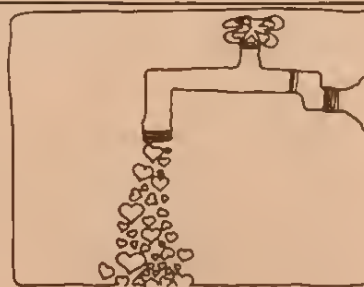
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MARCH 1-30: "Portrait of a Community, Noe Valley Through the Eyes of Noe Valley Voice PHOTOGRAPHERS, 1977-1993," continues at Gallery Sanchez Mon. Sat., noon-5 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317

MARCH 1-31: Parent/child interactive DANCE CLASSES, taught by Laurie Barnert, begin at the 25th Street Workout Studio. Tues. & Thurs., 10-11 am. 1500 Castro St. 641-9211.

MARCH 1-31: Chris Sequerra leads a class for all levels, "Living with TAI CHI CHUAN of Noe Valley: A Practical Approach." 6-7:30 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 756-6857 or 773-8185.

MARCH 1-31: Kathryn MacDonald exhibits PHOTOGRAPHS of local dancers, to benefit City Ballet School's "Chance to Dance" scholarship fund. Rami's Calle, 1361 Church St. 681-7506

MARCH 2: The S.F. Planning Department sponsors the last in a series of public forums on plans for REZONING the Northeast Mission Industrial Zone 8:30-10:30 am. Mission Language and Vocational School, 710 Florida St. 558-6362

MARCH 2-4: Experimental DANCE and theater will be on tap at a "Local 7" concert sponsored by Dancers' Group/ Footwork. 8:30 pm. 3221 22nd St. 824-5044.

MARCH 2-5: Intersection for the Arts presents the second annual "High Tides: A Festival of NEW MUSIC." 446 Valencia St. Call 626-3311 for schedule and information

MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: The Noe Valley Library's LAPSITS continue on Wednesdays at 7 pm. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095

MARCH 3: Media Alliance sponsors a PANEL DISCUSSION, "False Memory or Recovered Memory?" 7 pm. S.F. Press Club, 555 Post St. 441-2559

MARCH 3: Diana Russell discusses her new BDDK, *Against Pornography: The Evidence of Harm*. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4676.

MARCH 3-27: Tale Spinners THEATER performs *A Credit to Her Country*. Lee Jenkins' examination of lesbians in the U.S. military, 1950-present. Thurs.-Sat., 7:30 pm. Sun., 3 pm. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079

MARCH 4: San Francisco Performances presents an informal CONCERT and conversation with clarinetist Richard Stoltzman. 5:30-6:30 pm. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 647-6015

MARCH 4: Jett Mackler gives an EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT of the rebellion in Chiapas, Mexico. 8 pm. Socialist Action Bookstore, 3425 Army St. 821-0458.

MARCH 5: The public is invited to the San Francisco SPCA's HEARING DOG graduation. 11 am. 2500 16th St. 554-3000.

MARCH 5: Acoustic GUITARIST Adrian Legg joins folk singer Sonya Hunter. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Music Series, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272

MARCH 6: The Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC Series presents the baroque ensemble Music's Re-creation, performing works by Bach, Blavet, Leclair, and Rameau. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317

MARCH 6: The San Francisco Children's CHORUS performs songs from the 1960s. 3 pm. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 647-6015

MARCH 6: The Glen Park After School Program hosts its sixth annual CHILDREN'S ART SHOW of masks, drawings, and collages. 4:30-6:30 pm. Cafe?, Diamond & Bosworth. 469-7928

MARCH 6 & 20: MEDITATION instruction will be offered at San Francisco Shambhala Center's open house. 9:30 am-noon. 1630 Taraval St. 731-4426.

MARCH 7: The Fourth Trimester, Inc., presents an introduction to INFANT MASSAGE. 2-3:30 pm. Natural Resources, 4081 24th St. 550-2611.



Burmese freedom fighter Yuzana Khin presents a multimedia performance at the Women's Building March 8.

MARCH 7: The monthly meeting of the OUTER NOE VALLEY Merchants Association will feature plans to hold a June sidewalk sale on Church Street between 29th and 30th. 3-4 pm. Just For You Too, 1793 Church St. 641-1500.

MARCH 8-APRIL 2: The Clay Studio hosts a STUDENT EXHIBITION of functional and decorative work. Reception March 11, 6-8 pm. Hours Wed., Fri. & Sat., 10 am-5 pm. 52 Julian Ave. 431-6296.

MARCH 11-13: Urban Gallery presents a DANCE THEATRE collaboration to benefit Earthsave and Earth Island Institute, "The Animal Dreams Project." 8 pm. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St. 861-6637

MARCH 11-13 & 18-20: The Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company performs Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins*. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, 554-9523

MARCH 12: All ages are welcome at Julie Willard's earth-friendly SDAP-MAKING workshop. 12:30 pm. Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, 554-9600

MARCH 12: Join the AIDS DANCE-ATHON at Moscone Center from 7 pm-midnight. Howard St. between 3rd & 4th. Call 392-9255 for registration and sponsor information.

MARCH 13: Dance students of Rosa Montoya perform a Spanish concert, "FLAMENCO DLÉ!" 2 pm. McKenna Theatre, S.F. State University, 1600 Holloway St. 824-1960.

MARCH 13: RADICAL WOMEN present a multicultural event, "Elder Women Take Center Stage: A Tribute to Our Wise Warriors." 3 pm. Women's Building, 3543 18th St. 863-1278 or 334-1853.

MARCH 13: Noe Valley Ministry's CANTATE service of chanting, meditation, and prayer begins at 7 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317

MARCH 14: The Diamond Senior Center's March birthday party, lunch, and St. Patrick's Day DANCE begins at noon. 117 Diamond St. 863-3507

MARCH 15: June Jordan reads from her new volume, *Haruko/LOVE POEMS*. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4676.

MARCH 16: The Noe Valley Library offers a free SCREENING of *Tom Jones*, starring Albert Finney and Susannah York. 6:30 pm. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095



Louise Carslake, Byron Schenkman, and John Dornenburg perform music of Bach and his French contemporaries at the Noe Valley Chamber Music Series March 6.

MARCH 17: The Dubliner bar celebrates ST. PATRICK'S DAY with corned beef and cabbage, the Liz Maloney Dancers, and music by the Pierce-Connolly Band. All day, starting 10 am. 3838 24th St. 826-2279.

MARCH 18 & 19: The Noe Valley Music Series presents Nubian, Arabic, and Australian MUSIC by Hamza El Din and Stephen Kent. 8:15 pm. Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason. 647-2272.

MARCH 18 & 19: Isaacs, McCaleb & DANCERS perform an evening of recent works. 8 pm. Theatre Artaud, 2403 16th St. 621-7797

MARCH 19: CAT BEHAVIOR consultant Kate Gamble leads a discussion of common feline problems. 10 am-12:30 pm. SPCA, 2500 16th St. 554-3000.

MARCH 19: Noe Valley MOVIES presents a Japanavision Film Fest, including *Godzilla vs. the Smog Monster*. 7:30 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317

MARCH 19: Community Music Center's Orchestra Concerto Concert spotlights solo works by MOZART and Haydn. 8 pm. 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

MARCH 20: Kidshows performing arts series presents the S.F. MIME TRUPE in *Jack and the Beanstalk*. 11 am. Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason. 392-4400.

MARCH 22: Preschoolers are invited to a special FILM program at the Noe Valley Library. 10 & 11 am. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095

MARCH 22-MAY 10: Parents Place hosts an eight-session WORKSHOP for women in their 30s and 40s, "The Biological Clock." Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm. 3272 California St. 563-1041.

MARCH 24: The S.F. Police Officers Association gives a "bird's-eye view" of their work in the city, and a representative from the Trades Guild discusses how to choose a contractor at the monthly meeting of UPPER NOE NEIGHBORS. 7:30 pm. Upper Noe Recreation Center, Day & Sanchez. 641-5989



MARCH 7, 14, 21 & 28: Students of Sri Chingmy offer free MEDITATION CLASSES. 7-8 pm. 8ethany Church, 201 Clipper St. 664-1327

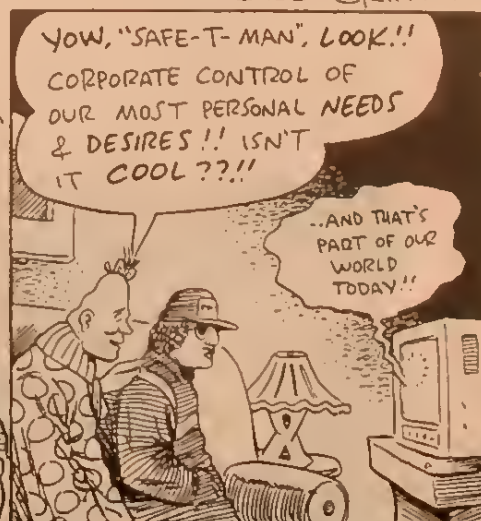
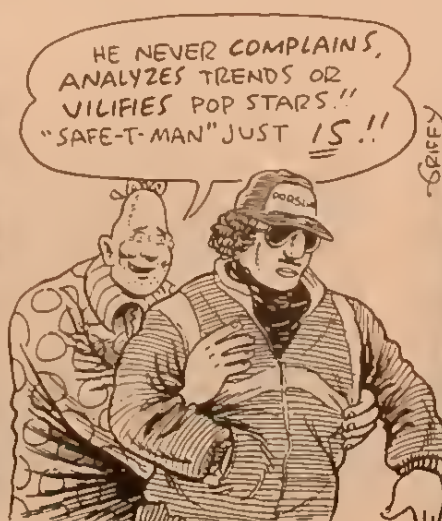
MARCH 7-31: Martha Hubert exhibits her PAINTINGS at MikeyTom Market, 1747 Church St. 826-5757.

MARCH 8: Celebrate International WOMEN'S DAY with Amnesty International and Burmese freedom fighter Yuzana Khin. 8 pm. Women's Building Auditorium, 3543 18th St. 291-9233.

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The Scoop on Calendar

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